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ENGLISH BARONETAGE:

my *Wotton*
CONTAINING
A GENEALOGICAL and HISTORICAL ACCOUNT

OF ALL THE
ENGLISH BARONETS,
NOW EXISTING:

Their DESCENTS, MARRIAGES, and ISSUES;
MEMORABLE ACTIONS, both in *War*, and *Peace*;
RELIGIOUS and CHARITABLE DONATIONS;
DEATHS, PLACES OF BURIAL, and MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS;

COLLECTED
From *Authentick Manuscripts, Records, Old Wills,*
our best *Historians*, and other Authorities.

ILLUSTRATED
With their COATS OF ARMS, Curiously Engraven, on
COPPER-PLATES:

WITH
An EXPLANATORY INDEX of the Terms in HERALDRY,
referring to the ARMS.

ALSO
CORRECT LISTS; I. Of the PRESENT BARONETS, in the
Order of Precedence. II. Of those who are now PEERS of
Great-Britain, or *Ireland*. III. Of those FOREIGNERS, who
have had this Dignity conferr'd on them. IV. Of those, whose
TITLES are now EXTINCT.

LIKEWISE
EXACT TABLES OF PRECEDENCE; Particularly with Respect to the
WIVES, SONS, and DAUGHTERS, of BARONETS, and KNIGHTS.

TO WHICH ARE ADDED,
An ACCOUNT of such NOVA-SCOTIA BARONETS as are of
ENGLISH FAMILIES, now Resident in *England*:

AND
A LIST of such Persons Names who were deemed Fit and Qualified,
at the RESTORATION, to be made KNIGHTS of *The Royal Oak*,
with the Value of their ESTATES, as then given in.

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THAT men are animated to a pursuit of noble and worthy actions, by seeing the examples of others, and especially of their forefathers, placed, as in a glass, before their eyes, which strike with the greater and more irresistible force, when titles, and a descent from illustrious ancestors, are observed to be graced and set off with suitable virtues and accomplishments; is a thing so very plain, and natural to the mind, that it will be enough merely to make the observation; which alone is a sufficient proof, of the usefulness of the ensuing work, drawn up with a view of setting a great number of such examples before the reader, and inspiring him on, to a generous imitation of them. As to the other part of it, which consists of genealogies, all antiquaries are agreed in the difficulties attending the setting forth of such things, in any degree, approaching to exactness; and more particularly, when the accounts of families, and their genealogical series, undertaken to be published, are to be often traced through so many centuries backwards, where the thread, to guide us, is sometimes so very slender, that it can be no wonder to find it broken; and this will be our excuse to the reader, if he observes some of the following accounts to be too short, or defective, as well as for any errors he may espy in them, as all imaginable pains have been used by us, to make them as correct as possible, and to get likewise the best information from any hands capable of assisting us.

Application has been made to every Baronet, (to several of them more than once,) not only by letter, but by frequent advertisements; and the editor must acknowledge, (which he does, with all due respect and gratitude for the same,) that a great many of the Order, or related to it, have furnished him, for this present edition of his work, very readily, with their respective pedigrees, and family ac-

counts, from the records and writings belonging to them ; but, as many others, (as at the first,) have still continued silent to our call upon them, we apprehend, we shall have no need, after this, to bespeak the readers farther excuse, as to the defects observable in such accounts, for which the families themselves, and not we, will be accountable to them : and yet we have not failed doing our best, towards filling up the chasms to be found in them, which we have done however, with all due caution, to prevent mistakes ; as we have made it our care, no less throughout the whole, to speak well of every one concerned, which we thought our selves obliged to do, when speaking of an order, to which we must own our selves strongly attached by inclination, as well as duty.

In this undertaking, the editor must acknowledge, that he has received very considerable assistance, towards bringing it to the perfection it now appears in, from several skilful antiquaries, and other gentlemen, and more especially, that curious antiquary, the late Sir Holland Egerton, Bart. to whom he is indebted, not only for the use of his collections, and draughts of arms, (from which most of the coats, in the front of the work, are engraven,) but also for a great many materials, and genealogies, proper to it, he was so very obliging to communicate to him, though at that time, an absolute stranger to him.

He must no less own himself to be very greatly obliged to Arthur Collins, Esq; (the author of the *Peerage of England*, in 4 vol. lately publish'd,) for his part in assisting him, who, at the request of several of the order, communicated the accounts of their families, and furnished him likewise with what he had collected of several others.

The late Mr. William Holman, of Halstead, in Essex, (who wrote the *Antiquities of that county*,) favoured him also with what he had collected of several families, both of that, and other counties.

To the visitation-books, and MSS. courteously lent him by several gentlemen, he is equally in debt ; and the printed antiquities of counties, have contributed their share to the perfecting of his undertaking.

Among the MSS. however, he is under more than ordinary obligation to those, collected by that very curious
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and unwearied antiquary, Peter Le Neve, Esq; (late Norroy King at arms,) which he had the good fortune to meet with at the sale of them, which take in such a variety of materials, proper to such works, as have been of the greatest use to the editor, in his, and will still be of a great deal more, if it should be thought worthy hereafter of another impression.

As the accounts which are here inserted, will be seen to vary pretty much, (gentlemen taking their own method in putting them together,) it is hoped, that each Baronet, on viewing what is printed, will send us an account of what he observes either faulty, or deficient in his own family, or those of others within his knowledge, that whatever is wanting, or wrong, may be set right, and added to the work, whenever it may come to another edition.

Our design in it is, to publish the account of every family as full as possible, and to shew the antiquity of each, as far as it can be traced by sufficient authority, (for which, our vouchers appear at the bottom of the page,) with their descents, marriages, and issues, down to the present time, together with such historical memoirs, that bear relation, and serve to illustrate, or in any respect to do honour to them.

To these, we have added monumental inscriptions, which, as they are allowed to be an ornament to such collections, as giving us the best pictures of those persons, on whom they are made, we have endeavoured to procure as many of them as we could; though it is a thing very much to be wish'd, that in some of them, now published, more care had been used in having them correctly copied and pointed, (more particularly those which are done in Latin, where these helps are most wanted,) and indeed it is great pity, that such inscriptions were not more carefully engraven at the first, than many of them are found to be; especially such as are most ancient, in which, probably, the engravers want of skill, in the orthography, and language, has sometimes been rendered the greater, by the badness of the copy given him to engrave from: as this must be the editor's excuse to the more intelligent of his readers, for any mistakes of this nature, (which yet he has taken all possible pains to have corrected, by having recourse afresh to the

chief of those inscriptions that are found faulty; but without effect; the mistakes being the same on the monuments themselves, he either met with in printed accounts, or had communicated to him by private hands,) so he would think himself greatly obliged to any curious persons, who shall enable him to set right any such errors they shall observe in his work, as now printed; or furnish him with those inscriptions they shall see wanting, if they relate to the heads of the families treated of, the several Baronets, and their ladies, or such others, members of them, that are done with elegance, or contain a character fit to be remembered by posterity: and this favour, he would more especially intreat of the reverend the clergy, who are most able to assist him with copies from their respective churches, and may easily find an opportunity of conveying them to him, for the further embellishing of his work, in any future impression.

The noble actions of persons famous in their generations, challenge, of course, a place in this history, as so many patterns worthy the imitation of posterity, and more so still, of their immediate descendants; as is no less proper, we should take notice of what preferments they severally obtained, or honours and dignities they arrived at, either in church or state; the times of their serving in parliament, and the places they served for; which have borne the office of sheriff, in what county, and in what reign, and year of it, as far as they are capable of being ascertained; and likewise, what charitable foundations, any of them have been the authors of; together with such other historical matters, as may render the accounts both entertaining and useful.

It is thought, the Baronets hereafter mentioned, are all that are in being, of the English creation; the strictest enquiry having been made in every county, to get the best information relating to those who are extinct; and 'tis hop'd none are here inserted, tho' some have become extinct during the time of printing this book, so that such accounts and arms will be found, tho' the title has fail'd.

The accounts of those Baronets, who are Peers of Great-Britain, or Ireland, are not printed, their creations being swallowed up in higher titles, and their genealogies already publish'd, to which we refer; tho' vacant places are left in the

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the arms, at the end of each reign, if it should happen any Baronets title, may survive the Peerage, as was the case of the present Sir George Savile, who became heir to this dignity, on the death of Sir John Savile, who succeeded the last marquis of Halifax, of that name, in the title of Baronet; being descended from Sir George Savile, the first Baronet, and next heir male to this dignity, after the extinction of the Peers, who were the elder branch, derived from the eldest son, as the said Sir John, and present Sir George, were, from the younger sons of the first Sir George Savile, Bart.

'Tis believ'd, (notwithstanding the great trouble and difficulty attending this work,) the arms are the most correct, and the omissions; or misplacing, fewer, than in any book of this kind; all possible care having been taken to correct the errors, and supply the many defects of the printed lists extant.

We have treated of this order of Baronets, at the latter end of this work, which contains many particulars omitted by most other authors, who have wrote upon this subject, especially with respect to the privileges, precedencies, &c. of Baronets, their wives, sons, and daughters; which is collected from patents, decrees, and establishments of King James, and King Charles I.

Though the Baronets of Nova Scotia, (or Scots Baronets,) instituted by King Charles I. are not inserted in this work, yet, as some few of that order, still remaining, are of English families, we have been desired, (and judged it not improper,) to add the accounts of these, at the end of it; but, for the rest, we have wholly omitted them, as, besides their not belonging to the order we purposely treat of, are not properly of our country, or resident therein, as the others are; neither has it been thought proper to take notice of several, who, tho' they assume the title, have either no patent, or sufficient authority for their so doing, to make out their claim to it; or else, tho' they themselves may be truly within the limitations of a patent, the dignity has been forfeited long since, and extinguished in their families, by an act of attainder; as, Sir James Harrington, of Ridlington, in Rutlandshire, and others. We had, nevertheless, some thoughts of publishing the accounts of Sir Thomas J'anson, Sir James Bunce, Sir William Courtenay, and some others,

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whose ancestors procured a sign-manual for this title, but never took out their patents for it ; and as they still labour under this defect, we have therefore omitted them in this present edition.

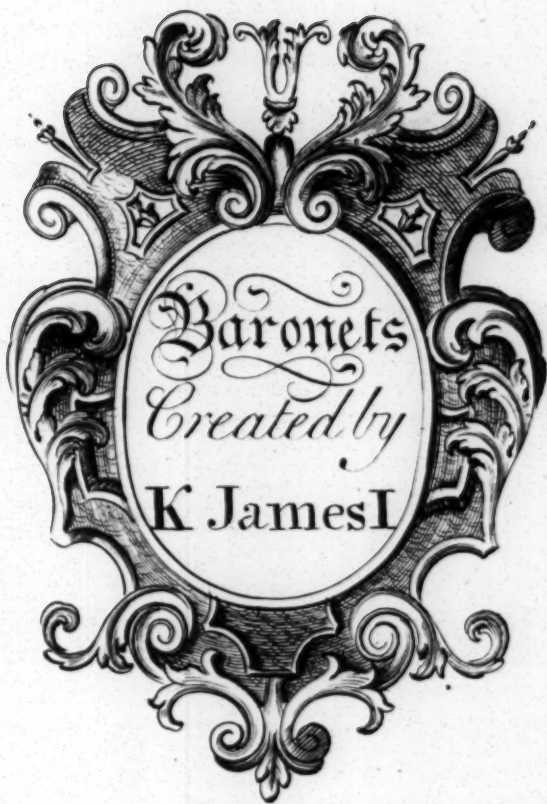
It being a thing impracticable to obtain any information that can be depended on, of such foreigners, as have had this title conferred upon them, a list only of their names, specifying the times of their respective creations; as it is all that can be had, is as much therefore as can be reasonably expected.

Some persons have seem'd doubtful, whether Baronets may be properly stiled honourable ; but since 'tis an epithet now given to their inferiors, viz. knights-bannerets, (not made by the King himself, personally present in the field of battle, by displaying the royal banner,) knights of the Bath, colonels, &c. it can't be thought unapplicable to Baronets, who have an establish'd precedence of them.

Notwithstanding the application made to every one of this order, it is surprising to see, how very indifferent some are still about their ancestors, and with what difficulty others were persuaded to take any the least pains, in furnishing the accounts of them; enough to have discouraged any one from pursuing a design of this nature, if the editor had not been relieved and considerably assisted by several curious and able gentlemen, as well of this order, as others, by which means the work is brought forward to the perfection it now has, and in which it presents it self to the favourable acceptance of the publick.

N. B. The greatest part of this work having been printed off, before the dissolution of the late parliament, the alterations that have since happened, by the removal of some, and the choice of others into the new one, the reader is desired to correct ; as also those, that have happened by deaths, marriages, &c. of which kind there have been a great many, since it first went to the press. Such informations and additions, as have, since then, come to hand, will be found in the appendix: the literal errors of the press, and false pointings, he is desired likewise to excuse ; as he is also such omission of names in the index, as have been occasioned by the cancelling of several leaves, after they were printed off.

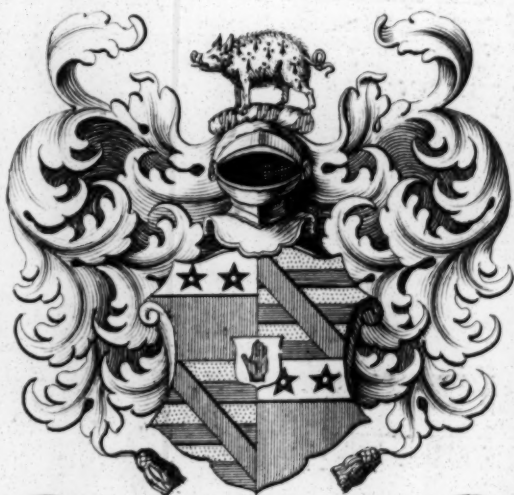
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of Norfolk Baronet,
Whose Ancestor Sir Nicholas
Bacon, of Redgrave in Suffolk,
was so Created by K James I. May²².
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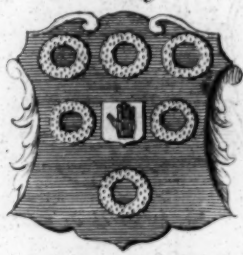
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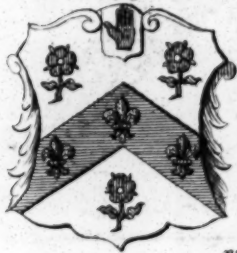
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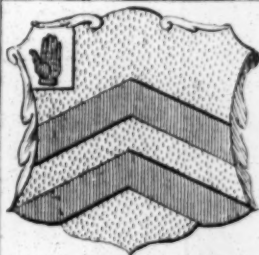
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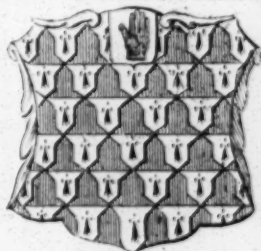
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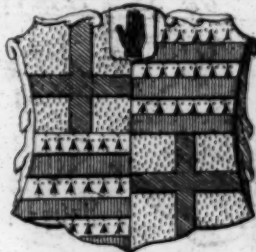


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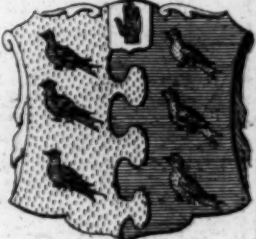
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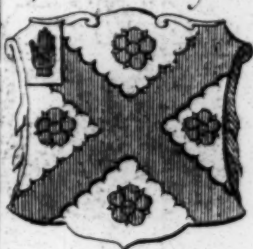
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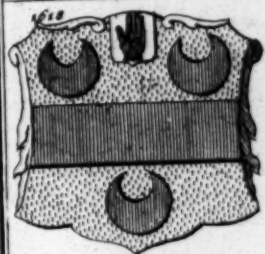
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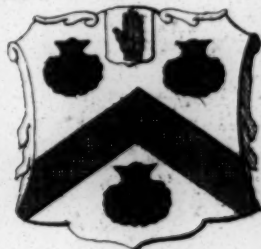
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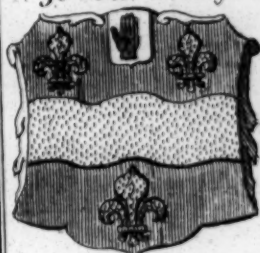
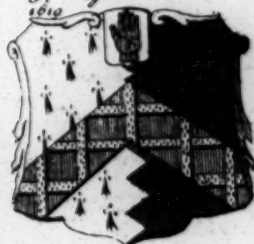
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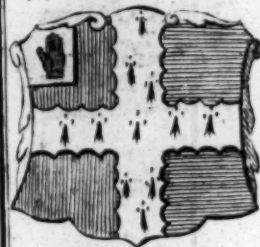
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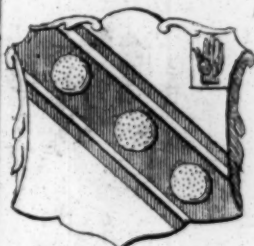
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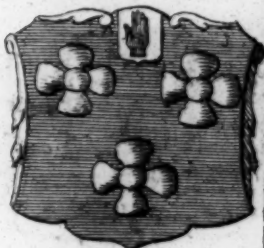
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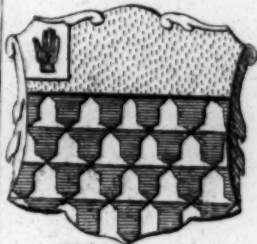
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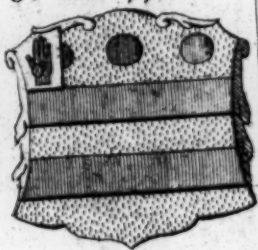
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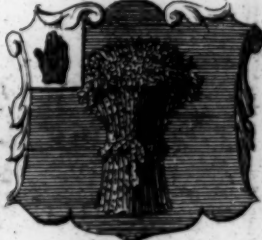
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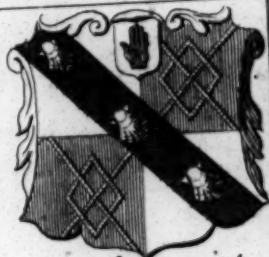


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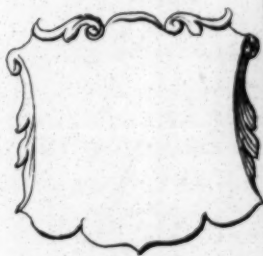
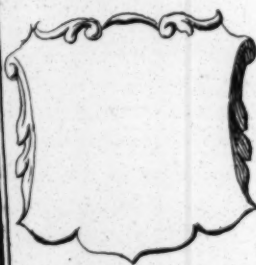
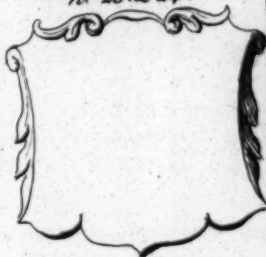
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BARONETS

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KING JAMES I.

I. BACON of Redgrave, Suffolk.

(Sir NICHOLAS, KNIGHT,)

Created Premier BARONET of England, May 22, 1611.

OF this name there have been many persons of great account in former ages, but that particular family (*a*) of which we are now to treat, derive their descent from GRIMBALDUS, who came into England at the time of the Norman conquest, in company with William Earl Warren, to whom he was related; which Grimbaldus had lands in Normandy; and after his arrival in England, settled at Letheringfett near Holt in Norfolk, where he founded the church, and made his second son Edmund parson of it. His other sons were Ranulph and Ranulph.

Roger, the son of Ranulph, was father of Robert, the first of the family we find mentioned by the name of Bacon, whose brother William Bacon, was of Monks-Bradfield in the county of Suffolk, temp. Ric. I. and bore for his arms a beach-tree, proper, in a field, argent; which William is taken notice of among the knights bearing banners, as well Normans as of other provinces, in the reign of King Philip II. of France; and by — his wife, daughter of Thomas, Lord Bardolph, was father of another William, of the same place, whose son Adam, lived in the time of Edw. I. and left issue two sons, Wido Bacon of Bradfield aforesaid, who died without issue, and Robert Bacon of Hefset, alias Hegefett, in the said county.

The said Robert, by Alice his wife, daughter of — Burgate, had issue John Bacon of Hefset and Bradfield, who was father of John Bacon, and he of another John, of the same places, who married Helena, daughter of — Gedding, and by her left a son of his own name, who married (first) Helena, daughter of

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Sir

(*a*) This account is taken from the pedigree of the Hon. Sir Edmund Bacon, of Garboldisham in Norfolk, Bart. drawn up by John Whiting, of Lincoln's-Inn, Esq; temp. Car. II.

Sir George Tillot, of Rougham in Norfolk, Knt. and (secondly) Julian, daughter of — Bardwell; from which second marriage proceeded the Bacons of Hefset, who flourished there near five hundred years, and have not been extinct above half a century.

John, son of the said John Bacon, (by Helena his first wife,) married Margery, daughter and heir of John Thorp, son of William Thorp, (by the daughter and heir of — Quaplod,) Son of Sir William Thorp (*a*) (by the daughter and heir of Sir Roger Bacon, a commander in the wars temp. Edw. II. & Edw. III. son of Sir Henry Bacon, son of another Sir Henry, a judge itinerant temp. Hen. III. lineally descended from Grimbaldus;) since which marriage this branch of the family quarter the arms of Quaplod with their own, viz. Barry of fix, Or and Azure, a Bend, Gules.

The said John Bacon, was father of Edmund Bacon of Drinkston, who married Elizabeth, daughter of — Crofts, by whom he had issue John Bacon, who married Agnes, daughter of Thomas Cockfield, and had issue Robert Bacon of Drinkston, who lies buried at Hefset, with Isabell his wife, daughter of John Cage, of Pakenham in com. Suff. by whom he had issue three sons and two daughters, viz. 1. Thomas Bacon, of Northaw in com. Hertf. who married the daughter of — Brown, but died without issue. 2. Sir Nicholas Bacon, hereafter mentioned. 3. James Bacon Alderman of London, who died 1573. and lies buried at St. Dunstan's in the East, London; leaving issue, 1. Sir James Bacon, of Friston in Suffolk, Knt. who married Elizabeth, daughter of Bacon of Hefset. 2. William; and one daughter Anne, married to George Revett of Brandeston in Suff. The daughters of the said Robert Bacon were, Barbara, married to Robert Sharp, and Anne to Robert Blackman, both of St. Edmundsbury in Suffolk (*b*).

Nicholas Bacon, second son to Robert, was born at Chislehurst in Kent, and educated at Corpus-Christi College in Cambridge, (to which he was a great benefactor, by endowing it with six scholarships, three whereof he appropriated to scholars from Botesdale school, near his seat at Redgrave, founded by himself, and building the chapel and library over it,) after which, removing to Gray's-Inn for the study of the law, he made such a proficiency therein, that K. Henry VIII. in the 38th of his Reign, made him attorney of the court of wards, having before in the 36th year of his reign, granted him the manors of Redgrave, Botesdale, and Gillingham, late belonging to the monastery of St. Edmundsbury in Suffolk, with the park of Redgrave, and six acres of land in

(*a*) Johannes filius Edmundi de Quaplude remisit dno Willo de Thorp militi terras in villis Quaplude & Holbech dat. apud Quaplude ultimo Maii anno 23. E. III. ex autograph. penes P. Le Neve. — MSS. of the Baronets in the custody of T. Wotton,

(*b*) Le Neve's MSS. of the Baronets families, vol. I. p. 1.

in Wortham, as also the tithes of Redgrave, to hold *in capite* by Knight's Service (a); and upon the death of that king, (which happened soon after,) he had his patent renewed 1 Edw. VI. (b). and in the 6th of the same king was constituted Treasurer of Gray's-Inn (c), of which society he was a member. Being grown still more famous for his knowledge, he had the honour of knighthood conferred upon him by Queen Elizabeth, in the first year of her reign (d), and was made lord keeper of the great seal of England, which office in his time was by act of parliament made equal in authority with that of the chancellor. He promoted the interest of England to his power, and to secure his own, made use of the policy of the age, viz. great alliance. He and Cecil marry'd two sisters; Wallingham and Mildmay, two more; Knolles, Essex, and Leicester, were also link'd together (e).

As to greatness, Sir Nicholas never affected it, according to his motto *Mediocria Firma*; nor was he so much for a large, as a good estate. His houses at Redgrave in Suff. and Gorhambury in com. Hertf. were convenient, but not stately; which made Queen Elizabeth tell him, when she call'd at Redgrave, in her progress, *That it was too little for his lordship*. To which he answer'd, *No, Madam, but your highness has made me too big for it*. However, on that remark he is said to have added the wings to the house now standing at Redgrave. Camden gives him this character, *Vir præpinguis ingenio accerrimo, singulari prudentia, summa eloquentia, tenaci memoria & sacris conciliis alterum columen* (f). Of person very corpulent, most quick wit, singular prudence, admirable eloquence, and another pillar to the privy-council. This corpulency of body grew on him in his old age, to which the queen alluding us'd to say, *Sir Nicholas's Soul lodges well*.

‘ He had the deepest reach into affairs of any man, that was
‘ at the council-table, the knottiest head to pierce into difficul-
‘ ties; the most comprehensive judgment to surround the merit
‘ of a cause; the strongest memory to recollect all circumstances
‘ of a business to one view, the greatest patience to debate and
‘ consider, and the clearest reason to urge any thing that came
‘ in his way in court or chancery. His dexterity and dispatch
‘ advanced him to the court of wards, his deep experience made
‘ him lord keeper. Great was this statesman's wit, greater the
‘ fame of it. He was the exactest man to draw up a law in coun-
‘ cil, and the most discreet to execute it in court. The excel-
‘ lency of his parts was set off with the gravity of his person;
‘ his account of England and all its affairs was punctual; his use
‘ of learned artists was continual; his correspondence with his

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‘ fellow

(a) Chitting's tenures of Suffolk, MS, p. 154. (b) Pat. 1. Ed. 6. p. 3. m. 36.
(c) Orig. Juridic. p. 298. (d) Pat. 1. Eliz. p. 3. (e) Lloyd's statesmen and fa-
vourites of England, p. 288. (f) Camd. Annal. Eliz. Reg.

‘ fellow statesmen exact ; his apprehension of our laws and government, clear ; his model of both, methodical ; his faithfulness to the church, eminent ; his industrious invention for the state, indefatigable ; he was that moderate man that was appointed to preside at the disputation between the protestant and popish doctors in the first year of Q. Elizabeth ; in a word, he was a father of his country, and of Sir Francis Bacon (a).

He died 21 Eliz. A. D. 1579, and was interr'd on the south side of the choir of St. Paul's cathedral, London, where was a noble monument erected to his memory, before the Fire of London, with this epitaph.

- (b) ‘ Hic Nicholaum me Baconem conditum existima, illum tam
 ‘ diu Britannici Regni secundum Columnen ; exitium Malis, Bonis Asylum ; cæca quem non extulit ad hunc honorem fors,
 ‘ sed Æquitas, Fides, Doctrina, Pietas, unica & Prudentia : Neu morte raptum crede ; qui unica brevi, vita perennes emeruit
 ‘ duas, agit vitam secundam cœlites inter Animos.
 ‘ Fama implet Orbem, Vita quæ illi tertia est. Hac positum
 ‘ in Ara est Corpus, olim animi Domus, Ara dicata sempiternæ Memoriae.

He married two wives, first, Jane, daughter of William Fernley, of West-Creting in com. Suff. Esq; by whom he had issue three sons and three daughters. The sons were, 1. Sir Nicholas, of whom hereafter. 2. Nathaniel Bacon, of Stiffkey in Norfolk (c) Esq; (who married two wives (d) 1st, Anne, daughter of Sir Thomas Gresham of London, Knt. by whom he had three daughters, his coheirs ; 1. Anne, who being married to Sir Roger Townshend of Rainham in Norfolk, ancestor to the present Lord Viscount Townshend, brought the Stiffkey estate into that family ; 2. Elizabeth, married to Sir Thomas Knyvet, of Ashwelthorpe in Norfolk ; and 3. Winifrid, to Sir Robert Gawdy, of Claxton in Norfolk, Knts. Sir Nathaniel's second wife was Dorothy, daughter of Sir George Hopton of Suffolk, Knt. by whom he had no issue.) 3. Edward Bacon, of Shrubland-Hall in Suffolk, Esq; in right of his wife Helen, daughter and heir of Thomas Littell, of the same place, Esq; and of Bray in the county of Berks, (by Elizabeth his wife, daughter and coheir to Sir Robert Litton, of Knebworth in com. Hertf. Knt.) from whom is lineally descended Nicholas Bacon, of Shrubland-Hall, Esq; and from younger sons of the said Edward, are the Bacons of Ipswich in Suffolk, and Earham in Norfolk, descended (e). The Daughters were, 1. Anne, married to Sir Henry Wodehouse, of Waxham in com. Norf. Knt. 2. — married first, to Sir Francis Windham, Knt. one of the justices of the common-pleas ; secondly,

(a) Lloyd's statesmen and favourites of England, p. 288, 289. (b) Dugdale's Hist. of St. Paul's cathedral, p. 71. (c) Le Neve in his MSS. of the Baronets, vol. 1. p. 1. makes him a Knight, (d) Le Neve, ibid. (e) Le Neve MSS. ibid.

condly, to Sir Robert Mansfield, Knt. and 3. Elizabeth, married first, to Sir Robert D'Oyly, of Chislehampton in Oxfordshire, Knt. secondly, to Sir Henry Nevill, Knt. and thirdly, to Sir William Periam, Knt. lord chief baron of the exchequer.

Sir Nicholas's second wife was Anne, daughter of Sir Anthony Cooke, of Giddy-Hall in com. Essex, Knt. by whom he had issue two sons, 1. Anthony, who was legate at Venice, and chancellor of the dutchy of Lancaster, and died at Essex-house in the Strand unmarried, before his Father; and 2. Sir Francis Bacon, Knt.

Sir Francis was born at York-place in the Strand, Jan. 22. 1560. (a). He shew'd several marks of an excellent genius when he was very young, so that he was particularly taken notice of by Queen *Eliz.* who delighted much in conversing with him, and trying him with questions, which he answer'd with a gravity and maturity superior to his years; so that her Majesty us'd frequently to call him, *The young lord keeper*. Being once ask'd by the Queen, how old he was, he replied with a great deal of vivacity, tho' he was then but a child, *that he was two years younger than her Majesty's happy Reign*; with which answer the Queen was prodigiously charm'd. June 10. 1573, he was matriculated in the university of Cambridge, and enter'd into Trinity college, under the care of Dr. Whitgift, then master of the said college, and afterwards Archbp. of Canterbury. After he had pass'd thro' the circle of the liberal arts, his Father thought proper to qualify him for the management of public affairs, and sent him over to France with Sir Amyas Paulet, Ambassador to that court, who entrusted him with a commission to the Queen, which he discharg'd with great approbation, and return'd to France, with an intention to continue some years; during his absence his father died in 1579, upon which he return'd to England, and applied himself to the study of the common law, which he resolv'd upon as his profession. He was appointed one of the Queen's council extraordinary in the 28th year of his age, an honour which was scarce ever granted before. He was one of the first that argu'd that difficult case of *Uses*, call'd *Chudleigh's Case*, which is reported by Sir Edward Coke. But the greatest figure which he made in the ten last years of the Queen's reign, was in the House of Commons; and then it is thought he applied himself to politics, so that the Queen and Lord Treasurer Burghley employ'd his head and hand in affairs of state. He made no considerable advances in his fortune, under Queen Elizabeth, but on the accession of King James to the crown, he was soon rais'd to considerable honours. July 23. 1603, he was knighted at Whitehall, and the year

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(a) General Dict. vol. 1. p. 549, who quotes Dr. Rawley, Mr. Stephens, A-Bp Tenison and others, for the several passages of this great man's life.

following he was made one of the King's council learned in the law; and as his abilities had appear'd in council, in Parliament, and in his Profession, and especially in his Speeches which he made in the House of Commons, he was in the year 1607 appointed Solicitor-general in the room of Sir Henry Hobart. In 1611 he was made joint Judge with Sir Tho. Vavafor, then knight marshall of the knight marshall's court, and Oct. 27. 1613, he succeeded Sir Henry Hobart as attorney-general, and June 9. 1616 he was sworn of the King's privy council, a trust rarely conferr'd, either before or since, on a gentleman in that office. March 7. 161⁹ he was appointed lord keeper of the great seal, and Jan. 4. 1618 he was made lord chancellor of England, and on the 11th of July following created lord Verulam, and Jan. 27. 162⁰ he was advanced to the dignity of viscount St. Albans, (a) and appear'd with the greatest honour and splendor at the opening of the session of Parliament on the 30th of that month. But he was soon after surpriz'd with a melancholly reverse of fortune; for about the 12th of March following, a committee was appointed of some members of the house of commons, to inspect the abuses of the courts of justice, whereof Sir Robert Philips was appointed chairman. The first thing they fell upon, was *Bribery and Corruption*, of which the lord chancellor Bacon was accus'd by Awbery and Egerton, who affirm'd, that they had procur'd money to be given to him, to promote their causes depending before him. This being corroborated by some circumstances, a report was made from the committee to the house upon the 15th of that month, yet with all imaginable tenderness and respect to his Lordship, in regard, as the chairman declar'd, *it touch'd the honour of a great man, so endued with all parts both of nature and art, as that he wou'd say no more of him, being not able to say enough.* Upon this a conference was had with the lords, and afterwards Baron Denham and the attorney-general were sent by the lords with a copy of the charge against him, and after several messages, (b) on monday April 29, he sent his confession and submission to the house of lords, in which he confessed *some facts, denied others*, and endeavours to answer or explain the rest in such a manner, as to take off the malignity of the offence. But the lords taking this for a full and ingenuous confession, sent several of their members to see if the chancellor would own it, which he did in these words, *My lords, it is my act, my hand, my heart, I beseech your lordships to be merciful to a broken reed.* This answer being reported to the house, the lords agreed to move the king to sequester the seal; and on wednesday, May 2, it was resolved to give sentence against him next morning, and accordingly he was summon'd to attend, but

(a) Dugdale's Baron. vol. 2.

(b) See the whole proceedings against him in State-trials, fo. vol. i. p. 353.

but he answer'd, *that he was sick, and protested that he did not feign this for an excuse, for if he had been well, he would willingly have come.* On May 3, 1621, the Lord Chief Justice pronounced the following judgment,

That the Lord Viscount St. Albans, Lord Chancellor of England, shall undergo a fine and ransom of 40,000 l. and that he shall be imprison'd in the Tower during the king's pleasure.

That he shall be incapable of any office, place, or employment in the state or commonwealth, and never sit in parliament, or come within the verge of the court.

The Prince of Wales and some others endeavour'd to have mitigated the severity of this sentence; and many of the lords, by way of excuse for the rigour of it, told him afterwards, that they knew they left him in good hands, and it might be presum'd, that the king, who, as his lordship writes, *had shed tears upon the news of his being accus'd*, would be indulgent and beneficent to him upon his Sentence.

There is a variety of opinions concerning his guilt in the points charged against him; Mr. Rushworth says (a) his decrees were generally made with so much equity, that tho' gifts render'd him suspected for injustice, yet never any decree made by him was reversed as unjust.

After the judgment given against him, and a short imprisonment in the Tower, he retired from the engagements of an active life, to the shade of a contemplative one, which he had always loved. The first, or at least the greatest act of kindness, which the king extended to him, was the remitting the parliamentary fine, and granting it to some of his lordship's friends. In a letter to the king, dated July 30, 1624, wherein he uses the most pathetic expressions, he implores his majesty to grant him a total remission of his sentence, *to the end that the blot of ignominy might be removed from him, and from his memory with posterity.* This request very probably was granted him, for we find that he was summon'd to parliament in the first year of King Charles I. However it appears from the works, which he compos'd and designed during his retirement, that his thoughts were still free, vigorous, and noble; and as Dr. Tenison (afterwards Archbishop of Canterbury) observes (b) it did not appear by any thing during all the time of his eclipse of fortune, that there was any abjectness of spirit in him; his writings shew a mind in him, not distracted with anxiety, nor depressed with shame, nor slow for want of encouragement, nor broken with discontent; such vigour of conceit, such a masculine style, such quickness in composition, appeared in his learned labours. The last five years of his life he devoted entirely to his studies, a thing which he would often speak

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(a) Historical collections, vol. 1, p. 31.

(b) In his Baconiana, p. 255.

of during the active part of his life, as if he affected to die in the shade, and not in the light; in this recess he composed the greatest part of his latin and english works (a).

His lordship had happily escaped the plague, which infested the summer of the year 1625, and with some difficulty, being of a weak and tender constitution, pass'd the severe winter which followed; but going in the spring to make some experiment in *natural philosophy*, he was taken so ill, that he was obliged to stay at the Earl of Arundel's house at Highgate about a week, and there expired on Easter-day, the 9th of April 1626, in the 66th year of his age, of a gentle fever attended with a great cold, which occasion'd such a defluxion of rheum, that he was suffocated with it. He married Anne, daughter and heir of Benedict Barnham, Esq; Alderman of London, but died without issue, and was buried near his mother in St. Michael's church in St. Albans, according to the direction of his last will, and had a monument of white marble erected to him by Sir Thomas Meautys, who had formerly been his secretary. This Monument represented his full portraiture in a contemplative posture, with the following inscription written by Sir Henry Wotton.

Franciscus Bacon Baro de Verulam,
S. Albani Vicecomes; seu notioribus titulis,
scientiarum lumen, facundiæ lex, sic
sedebat. Qui postquam omnia Naturalis
sapientiæ & Civilis arcana evolvisset,
Naturæ decretum explevit. Composita
solvantur, anno Dom. MDCXXVI. Ætatis
LXVI. Tanti veri Memoriae
Thomas Meautus superstitis Cultor,
defuncti Admirator. H. P.

The learned Bayle says he was one of the greatest genius's of his age. Mr. Voltaire styles him the father of experimental philosophy; and the greatest writers of our nation, as well as those of other countries, conspire in giving him the noblest character imaginable, and the late duke of Buckingham (Sheffield) in particular assures us, (b) *That all his works are, for expression as well as thought, the glory of our nation, and of all latter ages.* Dr. Rawley, who was his chaplain, observes, that he was eminent for the sharpness of his wit, his memory, judgment, and elocution, so that Sir Walter Raleigh once said before the doctor, that the Earl of Salisbury was an excellent speaker, but no good penman; the Earl of Northampton, and the Lord Henry Howard, excellent pen-men, but no good speakers; but that Sir Francis Bacon was eminent in both. He read much, and with great judgment, and after a moderate relaxation of his mind from study,

(a) A fine edition of which was published this Year 1740, in 4 vol. fol. with his life new wrote, (b) In his works oct. edit. 1740. vol. 1. p. 288.

study, return'd to it with fresh vigour, and wou'd not suffer any moment to escape him without improvement. His conversation was extremely delightful and instructive. When his office call'd him, as he was one of the King's council, to charge any offenders, he did it with the greatest lenity, and in civil affairs, as counsellor of state, he never engaged his master in any severe or precipitate courses. Neither was he less in favour with the subject than with his sovereign, for he was always acceptable to the house of commons when he was a member thereof. He was generous to his servants, which was the cause, says Dr. Rawley, *that so many young gentlemen of blood and quality sought to list themselves in his retinue; and if he were abused by any of them in their places, it was only the error of the goodness of his nature, but the badges of their indiscretions and intemperances.* He was religious, free from malice, *which, as he said himself, he never bred nor fed.* No revenger of injuries. He never endeavour'd to remove others from their places, or accus'd any man to his Prince. In his will he has this remarkable passage, *for my name and memory, I leave it to mens charitable speeches, and to foreign nations, and the next ages.*

Sir Nicholas Bacon, eldest son of the lord keeper, was possessed of a very large estate upon the death of his father, holding of the crown, 22 Eliz. by several (a) tenures of knights service, the manors and advowsons of Redgrave, Hinderly alias Hyldersley, and Wörtham, Ricklinghall alias Westhall, and Wynerston; also the hundred of Blackborne, with the rent of fifty-seven quarters of oats with annual suit and service of the inhabitants within the parishes of Stow-Langtoft, Hunston, Langham, Waltham, Ashilde, Barnham parva, Lyvermere, Culforde, Thorpe, Fakenham magna, Fakenham parva, Ixworth, Westhowe, Wordwell, Ryseworth, Watsfile, Rykenhall, Hynderly, Weston, Bardwell, and Stawnton; likewise the manor of Ashfield magna, and 40 messuages there, and in Little Ashfield and Ixworth; also the manors of Mettingham, Illetshall, and Sheap-meadow, with 60 messuages; 60 tofts in Mettingham, Bungaye, and the rectory of Mettingham; the manor of Bromfield, and 70 messuages in Bromfeld, Wenerston alias Waynston; the manors of Inham alias Ingham-hall; Tymworth, Barnham near Thetford, and Playford in Barnham, and 30 messuages, &c. in Ingham, with the advowsons of Ingham and Tymworth; the rectory and manor of Waltham; the liberties and franchises of St. Edmund's-bury; the manor and rectory of Tymworth, held of the manor of Ingham; also the manor and advowson of Burgat (b). He was knighted by Queen Elizabeth at Norwich, in her progress thither, Aug. 22, 1578. and had afterwards the honour to be the first

(a) Tenuræ de com. Suff. per Chitting (Chester herald) MS. p. 168, 169, 170. (b) Ex Col. Tho. Jekyll de Bocking in com. Essex, Arm.

first person advanced to the dignity of a baronet, then instituted by K. James I. in the 9th year of his reign. He married Anne, sole daughter and heir of Edmund Butts, of Thornage in com. Norf. Esq; (Brother to Sir William Butts, Knt.) by Anne his wife, daughter and coheir of Henry Buers, of Barrow in Suff. Esq; By this lady Sir Nicholas came possessed *inter alia*, of the manor of Foxhead, and three parts of the estate of Sir Andrew de Buers, who lived temp. Edw. III. (a). and by her had issue nine sons and three daughters. The sons were, 1. Sir Edmund, his successor; 2. Henry, who died at Jerusalem without issue; 3. Sir Robert, of whom hereafter; 4. Bachevell Bacon, of Hockham in com. Norf. Esq; (who married Mary, daughter of Thomas French in com. Essex, and left two sons that died young, and three daughters who were coheirs to their brother, viz. Mary, married to Sir Robert Baldock, Knt. one of the judges of the common-pleas; Philippa, to Robert Keddington, Esq; and Anne, to Nich. Rookwood, Esq;.) 5. Sir Butts Bacon, of Mildenhall in Suffolk, created Baronet July 29, 1627. (who married Dorothy, daughter of Sir Henry Warner of Mildenhall, Knt. and relict of William, second son of Sir Robert Jermyn, Knt.) ancestor to those late of Heringfleete, and to the present Sir Edmund Bacon, of Gillingham, Bart. (of whom in its proper place;) 6. Nicholas Bacon, of Gillingham in Norfolk, Esq; (who married (b) 1st, a daughter of Sir James Weston, baron of the exchequer, by whom he had only one daughter, married to Sir John Rous, of Henham in Suffolk, Bart. and 2dly, Margaret, daughter of Eustace Darcy, of Norwich, Esq; by whom he had Sir Nicholas Bacon, of Gillingham, Bart. so created Feb. 7. 1661 (c). which title expir'd with his son Sir Richard without issue; tho' the estate is in the present Sir Edmond, of Gillingham.) 7. Sir Nathaniel Bacon, of Culford in Suffolk, Knight of the Bath, who married Jane, daughter of Hercules Meautys, Esq; (widow of Sir William Cornwallis, Knt.) by whom he had issue one son Nicholas, who died without issue male, and two daughters, Anne, (married, first, to Sir Thomas Meautys, Knt. secondly, to Sir Harbottle Grimston, Bart.) and Jane, who died unmarried. Sir Nicholas had two other sons that died young. The three daughters of Sir Nicholas the first Baronet, were, 1. Anne, married to Sir Robert Drury, of Hawsted in Suffolk, Knt. 2. Dorothy, married, first, to Sir Bassingbourn Gawdey, of Harling in Norfolk, Knt. and, secondly, to Philip Colby, Esq; 3. Jemima, to Sir William Waldegrave, of Smallbridge, Knt. Sir Nicholas, and his lady, lived fifty-two years together in wedlock, and dying within a short time one of another, she anno 1616, he not long after. They both

(a) Rot. Plac. Term. Mich. No. 433. (b) Le Neve's MSS, of the Baronets, vol. 1. p. 2. (c) By the visit, of Norf. and Le Neve's MSS,

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both lie buried in Redgrave church, under a most magnificent altar tomb, with both their effigies curiously carved in full proportion out of the finest white marble, with the following inscriptions.

The Body of Nicholas Bacon Knight and
Baronet Lieth Here: He took to Wyfe Anne
Butts Sole Heyre to Butts, and Halfe Heyre to Bures
They Lived together .52. Yeares, When Death makinge
The Separation on Hir Part, He Erected This
Monument to Them Both. An^o Domini 1616.

The Lady
Ann Bacon Wife to the same Nicholas Bacon
lyeth buried in this place, by whom he had. 9.
sonnes and .3. daughters, she dyed in the .68
year of hir age, the .19. day of September.
An^o Domini 1616. (a)

The inquisition after the death of this Sir Nicholas, dated 7. Nov. 1. Car. I. says, he dyed 13. Nov. 22. Jac. I. and Sir Edmund Bacon, Knt. and Baronet, found son and heir of the said Sir Nicholas and Anne his wife, and 50 years old. The manors he died seiz'd of were Thornage, Melton, Cockfeild, Edgefeild, Great Riburgh, Woodhall in Great and Little Riburgh, Egmore manor and advowson, Chofel, Studdey, Bruningham, Gillingham manor and advowson, St. Mary's and All-Saints, Hockham magna and advowson in Norfolk; Redgrave, Mettingham Castle College Rectory, with many others in Suffolk and Essex; a feoffment recited in the inquisition (b).

Sir Edmund, the eldest, succeeded his Father in the title and estate, and married Philippa, one of the daughters and coheirs of the right hon. Edward lord Wotton, Baron of Marley; but dying without issue April 10. 1649. lies buried at Redgrave aforesaid, under a handsome mural monument, with this inscription.

Within This Vault was laid The
Body Of Sir Edmond Bacon Knight
And Baronet The Eldest Son of Sir
Nicholas Bacon Baronet And the Husband
Of That Lady Philip Bacon mentioned
In The Other Table, April The 10th 1649.

This Grave Stone was Layd
Over the Bodye of The Ladye
Philip (c) Bacon Daughter To The
L. Edward Wotton Baron
of Marley and Wife to Sir
Edmond Bacon Knight
Barronet

The 1st of October

1626. (d)

He

(a) From the Inscriptions in Redgrave church. (b) Le Neve's MSS. of the Baronets, in the family of Bacon, who quotes p. 1. n. 91. (c) Sic. (d) From the inscriptions in Redgrave church.

He was succeeded by Sir Robert, his next surviving Brother, known before by the denomination of Robert Bacon, of Riborough in Norfolk, Esq; (an estate now in the family) where he mostly resided, and in that Parish Church was buried with the following inscription.

Robert Bacon of Redgrave, in the County of Suffolk, Bart. was buried the 16th of December 1655.
and Dame Anne Bacon, his Wife, was bury'd the 27th of September 1640.

He married Anne, daughter of Sir John Peyton, of Isfelham in Com. Camb. Knight and Baronet, and had issue by her, nine sons and three daughters, viz. Edmund, Nathaniel, Henry, Francis, and Drury, who all died young; Nicholas, who married Margaret, daughter and coheir of—Hobart, of Thwayte in Norfolk, Esq; but died without issue. The other sons were, Robert the eldest, who married Catherine, daughter to Grave Violet, of Pynkney-house near Taterford in Norfolk, Esq; and dying in his Father's life-time, Aug. 25, 1652, was buried at Redgrave, leaving issue one son, Edmund, successor to his grandfather, and four daughters; 1. Jemima, married to Thomas Gardiner, of Essex, Esq; and after to Sir John Brattel, Knt. Assay-master of the Tower of London; 2. Philippa, married to Sir George Reeve, of Thwaite, Knight and Baronet; 3. Frances, to Paul Bockenham, of Great-Thornam, Esq; 4. Anne, to Edmund Yaxlee, of Yaxlee, Esq; all in the county of Suffolk.

Butts Bacon, Esq; another son of Sir Robert, married Dorothy, daughter and coheir of Sir John Tracey, of Stanhow in Norfolk, Knt. and was Father of Sir Robert, hereafter mentioned.

Peyton Bacon, Esq; another son, married Eliz. daughter of Charles Suckling, of Wotton in Norfolk, Esq; Sir Robert's Daughters were, 1. Philippa married Hamond Claxton, of Levermore; 2. Anne, to Thomas Hunt, of Sharrington; and 3. Alice, to Richard Gwyn, of Fakenham-Market, Esq;

Sir Edmund, only surviving son of Robert, aforesaid, succeeding his grandfather in title and estate, married Elizabeth, one of the daughters and coheirs of Sir Robert Crane, of Chilton in Suffolk, Knight and Baronet, by whom he had issue, six sons and ten daughters; all of which, except four daughters, died unmarried before him. The sons were, 1. Robert; 2. Nicholas; 3. Edmond; 4. Edmond; 5. Philip; 6. Francis. The daughters were; 1. Susan; 2. Elizabeth; 3. Catherine; 4. Jemima; 5. Jane; 6. Sarah. Those that married were, 1. Frances, to Walter Norborne, of Calne in the county of Wilts, Esq; (by whom he had issue only two daughters, Elizabeth, married to Edward Viscount Hereford, and Susan, to Sir Ralph Hare, Bart.) 2. Susanna, to Charles Morris, of Loddington in Com. Leicest. Esq; 3. Elizabeth, to Wil-

liam Ettrick, of the Middle-Temple, Esq; and, 4, Philippa, to Sir Edmund Bacon, of Gillingham, Bart. (Grandfather of the present Sir EDMUND of that Place.) Sir Edmund Bacon, of Redgrave aforesaid, died Sept. 12. 1685, aged fifty-two, and lies buried in that Church, under a noble mural monument for him and his lady, with the following inscriptions.

In the Vault under this marble
lyeth the body of Sir Edmund Bacon of
Redgrave Baronet, who married
Elizabeth daughter of Sir Robert Crane
of Chilton-Hall in Suff. Knt. and Bart.
and lived with her in marriage 35 years,
had issue by her 6 Sons and 10 Daughters
He lived in the love and honorable
esteem of his country :
Loyal to his King, constant
to the government in church and state.
A generous Colonel
A good magistrate
A just man.

A learned and most accomplitht Gentleman.

And Dyed

A pious Christian,

On the 12th day of September 1685
in the year of his age

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In the Vault of this Marble lyeth the Body of
Elizabeth Relict of Sir Edm. Bacon mentioned in the
other Table, by whom she had 6 Sons and 10 Daughters,
four of which only and no Sons lived to the
State of Marriage, and of these
Frances was married to Walter Norborne,
In the County of Wilts, Esq; who are dead
And left Issue Elizabeth Vicountess Hereford
And Susan

Elizabeth to Wm Ettricke of the midd. Temple Esq;
Susan to Cha. Morris of Loddington in Lestr. Sh. Esq;

Philippe to Sir Edmd. Bacon of Suff. Bart.

She was a Lady of Exemplary Piety and Vertue
a faithful Wife

A most Tender and Affectionate Mother

A prudent Governess of her Family

A most true and constant Friend

Most Eminently Charitable to the poor

Generous and great in her Beneficence

And having endured long Sicknes

In satisfied hopes of a blessed Immortality

She Committed her Soul to God and Departed this Life

Dec. the 6. 1690. in the year of her Age 57. (a)

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(a) From the Monuments in Redgrave Church.

After Sir Edmond's Decease without issue male, the title and part of the estate descended to,

Sir Robert Bacon, his cousin, son and heir to Butts Bacon, Esq; which Sir Robert, was before seated at Egmore in Norfolk; and after the death of his cousin, Sir Edmund, was possessed of the estate at Redgrave; which descending to him under some Incumbrances, he thought convenient to sell that estate to the lord chief-justice Holt, and afterwards purchased at Garboldisham in Norfolk (a), where he built a handsome seat for the future residence of his family. He died Jan. 31. 1704. and lies buried in the chancel of All-Saints church in Garboldisham, under a handsome monument, with this inscription,

Under this Marble is buried the Body of Sir Robert
Bacon Baronet who departed this life on the 31st
of January in the year of our Lord 1704. and of his
Age 52. (b)

His lady lies buried in Wyghton-church in Norfolk, with the following inscription over her; (c)

H. S. E.

Elizabetha Dni Robti Bacon de Egmore Baronetti
Pia Conjux una cum gemino foetu nuper edito
quem alterutrâ amplectens ultrâ secum hinc tulit decem.

21. Anno 1686. superstitè adhuc prole natorum 4. filiarum 2.

He left issue by the said Elizabeth his wife, daughter to Daniel Chandler, of London, Esq; two sons, Sir Edmund, his successor, and Butts, who died unmarried 1725-6, (Nathaniel and Robert, his two other sons, having died young before him) and two daughters Abigail, and Jane, who died unmarried.

Sir EDMUND BACON, of Garboldisham in Norfolk, the present Baronet, represented the borough of Thetford in parliament the 9th; and the county of Norfolk, the 12th of Queen Anne; and was also chosen one of the Knights of the Shire for the said county in the last parliament; and is one of the Knights of the Shire for Norfolk, in the present parliament, which was summon'd to meet June 13, 1734. He married in November 1712, Mary, daughter of Sir Robert Kemp, of Ubbeston in Suffolk, Bart. (and sole heir to her mother, Letitia, daughter to Robert King, of Great Thurlow in the county of Suffolk, Esq;) which lady died Sept. 1727, leaving only four daughters, Letitia, married to Armine Wodehouse, Esq; son and heir apparent to Sir John Wodehouse, of Kimberly in Norfolk, Bart. and one of the representatives in parliament for the said county; Mary, and Sarah, who are unmarried; and Elizabeth, who died unmarried, May 1738.

ARMS:

(a) Ex infor. Dem. Ed. Bacon. Bar. (b) Le Neve's supplement to his Monumenta Anglica, p. 206. (c) Le Neve's Mon. Ang. v. 3. p. 86.

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ARMS: Quarterly, fifteen Coats.

1. Bacon: Gules, on a Chief, Argent, two Mullets, Sable, with an Inescutcheon of Ulster.
2. Butts: Azure, on a Cheveron, Ermine, between three Etoiles, as many Lozenges, Gules.
3. Bacon, of Baconsthorp, (Antient,) Gules, a Boar Passant, Or.
4. Buers: Ermine, on a Chief indented, Sable, two Lions Rampant, Or.
5. Royden: Cheque, Argent and Gules, a Cross, Azure.
6. Fermor: Ermine, a Cheveron, Sable, between three Roses, Gules, seeded and leaved, Proper.
7. — Per Bend Wavy, Or and Sable.
8. Cornard: Azure, a Fefs between two Cheverons, Or.
9. Rheims: Sable, a Cheveron, Ermine, between three Lions Rampant, Argent.
10. Poynings: Barry of Six, Or and Vert, a Bend, Gules.
11. Thorp: Cheque, Or and Gules, on a Fefs, Argent, three Martlets, Sable.
12. Quaplod: Barry of Six, Or and Azure, over all a Bend, Gules.
13. — Ermine, two Bars Gemells, Gules.
14. — Azure, three Oak Leaves, Or.
15. BACON: As the First.

CREST: On a Wreath of the Colours, a Boar Passant, Ermine.

MOTTO: *Mediocria Firma.*

The Family now generally bears only the Arms of Bacon and Quaplod, Quarterly.

SEAT: At *Garboldisham* in *Norfolk*.

2. HOGHTON of Houghton-Tower, Lancashire.

(Sir RICHARD, KNIGHT,)

Created BARONET, May 22, 1611.

THIS family anciently written de Hoc-ton, and Hoghton, have been of great eminency in the county of Lancaster, in former ages, and were denominated, from their possessions; Hoghton tower, a stately and large stone edifice, built upon an high, but very steep hill, in the middle of a park in the hundred of Leyland. The first mention'd, is Adam de Hoc-ton, (a) who held one carucat of land in Hoc-ton, temp. Hen. II. whose great grandson was Sir Adam de Hoghton, written Knight 50 Hen. III. and 11 Edw. I. he is mentioned among the witnesses to a charter of Henry duke of Lancaster (b), to the abbey of Whaley, in com. Lanc.

(a) Ex Collect. Reg. Dediworth.

(b) Monast. Angl. vol. I. Rot. Pipe 29. E. I.

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Lanc. 34 Edw. I. He had two sons, Richard, stil'd Filius dom. Adæ; 2 Edw. I. and Adam de Hoghton, stil'd also in deeds, Filius dom. Adæ, 20 Edw. I. and afterwards Frater magistri Richardi. Which Richard was sheriff of the county of Lancaster, 29 Edw. I. an office in those days of great trust and authority. He had a son Richard, who, dying without issue, the estate came to his cousin and heir, another Richard de Hoghton, son of Adam de Hoghton. Which Richard was a Knight, and in 16 Edw. II. with Sir Gilbert de Singilton, Knt. were returned knights of the shire for the county of Lancaster, in the parliament held at York (a), and had their wages allow'd for attendance, &c. In 1 Edw. III. (b) he paid 13 s. 9 d. for a third part of one knight's fee in Hoghton, Cleton, Penwortham, Wheleten cum Hepay, which he held of the dutchy of Lancaster: which Richard de Cleton and Richard de Fetton held before. In the same year he and Edmund de Nevyle serv'd as knights of the shire for the afore-mention'd county, as also in the 11th of that King's reign, and had their wages allow'd. He dy'd 14 Edw. III. (c) having not a little increas'd the estate, by means of his wife Sybill, daughter and heir to Henry de Lea, who had great possessions, and were owners of the manour of Molington Banaster, in com. cestr. (d) in right of Clementia, daughter of Robert Banaster, baron of Manaton, and wife of William de Lea, who receiv'd the same from her father in frank marriage; and altho' these Lea's sometimes seal'd with five Mascles in Bend for arms, and differ'd in the writing their names; yet were they nevertheless a cadet of the first dynasty of the Lancasters, primitively barons of Kendal, in com. Westmorland. and lineal descendants from Ivo Talbois earl of Anjou in France, and barons of Kendal, temp. W. Conq. Their usual arms were Argent, three Bars, Sable; the reverse of which colours the family of Hoghton now bear.

The said Richard, by his wife Sybill, afore-mention'd, had issue Adam de Hoghton, and a daughter nam'd Sybill, the wife of William, son of Richard de Bold.

Adam, last mention'd, is stil'd a knight in deeds, 22 Edw. III. in which year he and John Cockaine serv'd in parliament, as knights of the shire for the county of Lancaster, and had for their expences, 15 l. 4 s. for thirty days (e). In the 37th of that king's reign he serv'd again, as knight for that shire; as also in the 39th; and had, with the other knight, 17 l. 4 s. for forty three days attendance. (f) He died 10 Rich. II. leaving issue by Ellen his wife, who surviv'd her husband, two sons, Richard and

(a) Pryn's Parl. Regist. Vol. 4. de iisd. Ann. (b) Extract Rec. Tur. Lond. 1 E. III. penes Ro. Bradshaigh, Bart. (c) Escheat 14 E. III. (d) Ex Autograph. penes H. Hoghton, Bart. (e) Pryn prædict. de iisd. Ann. (f) Esch. 10. R. II.

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and Henry, and as many daughters. Agnes the eldest, was wife to Sir Thomas, son of Sir Adam Banaster, Kt. and Sibyll, to William, Brother of that Sir Thomas. Sir Henry de Hoghton, the youngest son, was one of the Knights of the Shire for the county of Lancaster, 9 Henry IV (*a*). and was progenitor to those of the name of Pendleton, in that county, which, in after-times, went off in two heirs females; Catherine, marry'd to a younger son of Hoghton of Hoghton, as hereafter is mention'd; and Mary, first married to George Singleton of Stayning, and secondly, to Liveley Coner.

Richard de Hoghton, elder brother to the last Henry, was return'd with Robert de Clifton, as Knights of the Shire for Lancaster, 6 Richard II. as also 4 Henry IV. with Sir Nicholas de Haverington, Kt. In which year the Sheriffs were directed to levy 27*l.* for their coming, attendance, and returning, computing sixty nine days; 38 Edward III. (*b*) he had license to inclose and impark at Hoghton (*c*). He was a Knight, founded a Chantry in the Church of Ribbleschester (*d*), 7 Henry IV. and died 10 Henry V (*e*). leaving a daughter, Catherine, married to Hugh Venables (*f*), Baron of Kinderton, and his grandson Richard, son of Adam de Hoghton, heir to the estate. He had also another son Edward, who held lands at Preston and Writtington, and is supposed to be the ancestor to the Hoghtons in com. Suffex. who are said to be deriv'd from Edward, a third son of this family (*g*).

Richard, grandson and heir of Sir Richard, did his homage, and had livery of his lands in Hoghton and Lea, 4 Henry VI. was a Knight 22 Henry VI. and died 19 Edward IV (*h*). He had five sons, Lawrence, Alexander, William, Thomas, who married Anne, daughter of Oliver Culcheth, and Edward; the two last died without issue; Lawrence succeeded in the estate, and dying the same year,

Alexander, his brother, and next heir, is found to be possessed of the inheritance, and was aged twenty six years, 19 Edward IV (*i*). when the office was taken. In the 22d of that King's reign, having valiantly behav'd himself under the Duke of Gloucester, in Scotland, he was made Knight Banneret (*k*), with several others of prime note, on St. James's eve. He deceas'd 15 Henry VII. leaving a sole daughter and heir, aged eleven years at the time of the Inquisition; and 17 Henry the VIIth, her mother Elizabeth, daughter of William Troutbeck, had as-

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(*a*) Pryn prædict. p. 484. (*b*) Ex Autog. penes Ro. Bradshaigh, Bart. (*c*) Quod Ricardus de Hoghton miles possit elargare parcum suum de Hoghton, Lanc. Pat. 15. R. 2. p. 1. Le Neve's MSS. of the Baronets, vol. 1. p. 8. (*d*) Ex Collect. Rog. Dodsworth præd. (*e*) Esh. 10 Hen. 5. (*f*) Le Neve's MSS. vol. 1. p. 8. (*g*) Visit. Suffex, Anno 1634. (*h*) Esh. 19 Edw. 4. (*i*) Inquisit. post. Mort. de eod. an. (*k*) Nom. Equit. in Bibl. Cott.

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signation of dower. The greatest part of the estate descended to his next brother and heir,

William Hoghton Esq; third son of Richard,

Which William, was in the expedition into Scotland, under the duke of Gloucester, and received from him the honour of Knighthood, at the same time his brother, Sir Alexander, was made a Banneret. He purchased lands in Ingolhead, 11 Henry VII. and died in the 17th of that King's reign, leaving issue by Mary his wife, daughter of Sir John Southworth of Samlesbury, Knt. Richard his son and heir, aged thirty years.

This Richard was afterwards knighted, and serv'd with Thomas Butler, as Knights of the Shire for the county of Lancaster, 1 Edward VI. He married four wives (*a*), first Alice, daughter and co-heir of Sir Thomas Assheton of Assheton Under-Line, in com. Lanc. Knt. and cousin and heir of Sir James Harrington of Wolphage, in com. Northampton. Knt. by whom he left issue Thomas, his son and heir, aged forty years at the death of his father, 1 Eliz. Alexander, and Isabella, married to Holden of Duxbury.

His second wife was Alice, daughter of Morley, by whom he had Thomas, Rowland, and Richard; Agnes, wife of Richard Butler of Rawcliffe, Alice and Anne.

His third wife was Elizabeth, daughter of John Grigson, and the fourth, Anne, daughter of Roger Browne of Whitney (*b*). By the two last, he left no issue.

Thomas, the eldest son and heir married Catherine, daughter of Sir Thomas Gerard of Bryne, in com. Lanc. Knt. and died 22 Elizabeth, leaving Jane, his daughter, and heir, 26 years old at his death, and at that time wife to James, son and heir of Roger Bradshaigh of Haigh, in com. Lanc. Esq; who had a great contest about the estate, which was at length decided for Alexander, second brother, and next heir male to Thomas, father of Jane aforementioned.

Which Alexander Hoghton Esq; married twice, first to Dorothy, only daughter of Richard Assheton of Middleton, in com. Lanc. Esq; by Catherine his second wife, daughter of Sir Robert Bellingham, Knt. and afterwards to Elizabeth, sister of Thomas and Bartholomew Hesketh, Esqs. and widow of George Warburton, Esq; but he left no issue by either of them; whereupon the estate descended to Thomas his half brother, viz. eldest son to Sir Richard Hoghton last mentioned, by his second wife Alice, daughter of — Morley.

Which Thomas, was sheriff of Lancashire, 6 Eliz. (*c*) and was killed in the 49th year of his age, at Lea-Hall, (an estate now in

(*a*) Le Neve's MSS. of the Baronets, vol. 1. p. 8. (*b*) Visit of Lanc. D. 3. fo. 20. Le Neve's MSS. *ibid*. (*c*) Fuller's Worthies, p. 123. in Lanc.

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in the family) by — Langton of Newton, commonly called Baron of Walton and Newton, 21 Nov. 32 Elizabeth, 1589. His wife Anne, daughter of Henry Kighley of Kighley, in com. Lanc. Esq; (son and heir *(a)* of Sir Henry Kightley alias Kighley, Knt.) became afterwards second wife to Sir Richard Sherburn of Stonyhurst, Knt. She died at Lea, 30 Octob. A. D. 1609, aged 60 years; having issue by her first husband, 1. Sir Richard, Knt. and Bart. 2. William of Grimfargh, who died A. D. 1642, and left posterity, which lately became extinct, and the estate devolv'd to the head branch of the family. 3. Thomas, who married Catherine, one of the daughters and co-heirs of John Hoghton of Pendleton, Esq; and left four daughters his co-heirs. 4. Adam of Lea-Moor, who left posterity. And, 5. Henry, who married Anne, daughter of Lawrence Townley, Esq; also two daughters, Mary, second wife to Thomas Walmley of Dunkenhalth, in Lancashire, Esq; and Catherine, wife of Thomas Middleton of Leighton, Esq;

Sir Richard Hoghton of Hoghton, eldest son of Thomas, was under age at his father's death, and in ward to Sir Gilbert Gerard: He succeeded to a very great estate, was knighted by Queen Elizabeth, and sheriff of Lancashire the forty-first year of her reign *(b)*, and made a Baronet with the first advanced to that dignity. He serv'd in several parliaments as Knight of the Shire for the county of Lancaster, entertain'd King James I. at Hoghton-Tower, for several days, when that King called there in his progress into Scotland, Anno 1617, and died 12 Nov. A. D. 1630, aged 60 years, 6 weeks, and 2 days. He married Catherine, daughter of Sir Gilbert Gerard of Gerard's Bromley, in com. Staff. Knt. master of the Rolls, who died 17 Nov. 1617, aged 48 years and 6 months: He had by her 5 sons and 8 daughters; 1. Gilbert. 2. Thomas. 3. Richard. 4. Ratcliff. And 5. Roger, slain in Germany. The last three left no issue. Of the daughters, Anne, married first Sir John Cotton of Landwade, in com. Cantab. Knt. and afterwards Sir John Carleton of Brightwell, in com. Oxon. Knt. and Bart. Catherine, was wife to James Stewart, Lord Galloway; Elizabeth, to Nicholas Girling, Esq; Gilbert, was married to Sir George Muscamp of the county of Northumberland, Knt. Frances, Alice, Margaret and Eleanor, all died unmarried.

Sir Gilbert, his successor, was 39 years old at the death of his father, and was knighted at Whitehall, July the 21st, 1606. He was in great favour with King James I. whom he serv'd at court several years; and after his death, honourably distinguished

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(a) Le Neve's MSS. vol. I. p. 8.

(b) Fuller's Worthies, *ibid*.

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tinguished his loyalty to King Charles I. Hoghton-Tower, in those unhappy times, serv'd as a garrison, and part of it was blown up by accident, which is since rebuilt. Sir Gilbert serv'd also several years in parliament as Knight of the Shire for the county of Lancaster; was an accomplish'd gentleman, and, by a prudent management, made acquisitions to the estate that descended to him. He died in April, 1647, having married Margaret, the eldest of the four daughters and co-heirs of Sir Roger Aston of Cranford in Middlesex, Knt. gentleman of the bed-chamber, and master of the great wardrobe to King James I. to which Sir Roger, the said King, by writ under the privy-seal, in the 9th year of his reign, granted to his coat-armour, an augmentation out of the two national badges of England and Scotland, viz. the Rose of England, and the Thistle of Scotland impaled, in a Canton Or, in regard of the marriage of the said Sir Roger, with Mary, daughter of Andrew Stewart, who died in the life-time of his father Andrew Stewart, Lord Avingdale (a) in Scotland, descended from the blood royal: Sir Gilbert's descendants therefore, bear the same in right of his lady, who died Dec. 23, 1657 (b), and bore him six sons and four daughters.

1. George, the eldest son, died young.
2. Richard, succeeded to the title and estate.
3. Roger, who was slain by a cannon-bullet at Heflam-moor, A. D. 1643.
4. Gilbert, major in the regiment of Sir Gilbert Gerard, Knt. governor of Worcester; married to Lettice, daughter and co-heir of Sir Francis Gamull of Chester, Knt. and died anno 1661.
5. Thomas, died young.

And 6. Henry, captain of horse under the Earl of Derby, who took to wife Mary, daughter of Peter Egerton of Shaw in Lancashire, Esq; and relict of Sir Thomas Stanley of Bickerstaff, in Lancashire, Bart.

Of the daughters, Catherine, married Thomas Preston of Holker in Lancashire, Esq; Mary, Sir Hugh Calverly of Lee in Cheshire, Knt. Margaret, Alexander Rigby of Middleton, in Lancashire, Esq; and Anne died young.

Sir Richard Hoghton, Bart. who succeeded his father in the title and estate, was elected Knight of the Shire for the county of Lancaster, in the reign of King Charles II. and departed this life, Feb. 1677. One who knew him well (c), gives this character of him: 'It has pleased Almighty God, by a sudden stroke to make a sad breach in a worthy family, in taking away
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(a) Ex Stemmate penes Hen. Hoghton, Bart. (b) Le Neve's MSS. ibid.
(c) Dr. Seth Bushell, who preached his funeral sermon at Preston, Feb. 14. 1677. See Memorials and Characters of eminent Persons, in fol. p. 268.

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‘ the chief head thereof; a person of great worth and honour,
 ‘ of an honourable extraction, of a generous disposition, and of a
 ‘ courteous, kind, and affable temper, whose high degree was
 ‘ so seasoned with an humble carriage towards all inferiors, as
 ‘ laid upon them a just obligation for true honour and service.

‘ He was free and hospitable in the entertainment of his friends,
 ‘ and most pleased with their kind and chearful visits. His com-
 ‘ portments at home and abroad were like himself, ever bespeak-
 ‘ ing a generous and worthy mind; and suitable to that eminency
 ‘ of interest and repute, which upon just accounts he held in his
 ‘ country.

‘ ’Twas his great and deserved commendation, that he was free
 ‘ from those vices, which are the grand stains of true honour; I
 ‘ mean intemperance, debaucheries, revelling, dissolute prac-
 ‘ tices, profligate courses, and the like; in a word, I may truly
 ‘ say, that the country has lost a good patriot, the gentry an e-
 ‘ minent person in their number, the poor neighbourhood a con-
 ‘ stant and charitable supporter, his friends an hospitable re-
 ‘ ceiver, kindred an honourable and respective relation, servants
 ‘ have lost a good master, children an indulgent father, an ho-
 ‘ nourable and virtuous lady a dear comfort.’ He married lady
 Sarah, daughter to the right hon. Philip Stanhope, earl of Chester-
 field, and had issue several sons and daughters; of the sons, those
 who arrived to maturity were Sir Charles his successor, and Benja-
 min, who died unmarried.

Sir Charles, who succeeded to the title and estate, married
 Mary, eldest daughter of John Skevington, lord viscount Mas-
 sareene in the kingdom of Ireland, by whom he had issue 5 sons
 and 6 daughters (*a*); of the sons, John, the eldest died at the age
 of 21 years, whilst he was pursuing his studies in the Temple,
 and is interr’d in the church there. Sir Henry, succeeded to the
 title and estate; Philip, married the eldest daughter of Thomas
 Sclater of Denham, Esq; by whom he has one son, Henry, and
 one daughter: Skevington, is unmarried, and James, died young.
 Of the daughters, Mary, the eldest, died at Chester, 1710. Cor-
 delia, married Robert Davie of York, Esq; (and had two daugh-
 ters, who are both dead.) Anna, married Samuel Croke of Cop-
 pul, Esq; (who was kill’d (*b*) by Mr. Buckley, in the road be-
 tween Houghton-Tower and Preston, and has left one son.)
 Margaret, married Samuel Watson of Hull, Esq; (by whom she
 has one son and one daughter,) Elizabeth, married Thomas
 Fenton of Hounsflett, near Leeds, Esq; (and has left 8 sons and
 2 daughters,) Lucy, married Thomas Lutwidge of Whitehaven,
 Esq; (and has 7 sons and 1 daughter.)

Sir Charles Houghton, Bart. was three times elected Knight of the

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(*a*) Ex Infor. Dom. Hen. Houghton, Bart.

(*b*) Ibid.

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Shire for the county of Lancaster, in the reigns of King Charles II. King James II. and King William III. He died at Hoghton-Tower, 10th June, 1710, and was buried at Walton amongst his ancestors, with the following inscription over him :

Near this Place is interr'd the Remains of Sir Charles Hoghton, Bart. who was very exemplary for his Piety and Usefulness to his Family and others. He died the 10th of June, 1710, much lamented, in the 67th Year of his Age (a).

He was succeeded in honour and estate by his second son,

Sir Henry Hoghton, the present Baronet, who hath married three wives, first, (in Oct. 1710) (b) Mary, eldest daughter of Sir William Boughton of Lawford, in com. Warw. Bart. who died at Dover, 1720. After her decease, he married lady Ruffel, reliet of Lord James Ruffel, fifth son of William, the late duke of Bedford ; she died, Sept. 1736. by neither of whom he hath any issue ; and since her death is married to Susanna, eldest daughter of Thomas Butterworth of Manchester, Esq; but hath as yet no issue. He served in parliament for the borough of Preston in Lancashire, in 9 Q. Anne ; and also again for the same corporation in 1 Geo. I. and 8 Geo. I. he serv'd in parliament for Eastlow in Cornwall ; and in the last, and present parliament was again elected for Preston ; and for his signal services in opposing the rebellion at Preston in the year 1715, was chosen in parliament one of the commissioners for the forfeited estates, and after that commission determined, his present Majesty appointed him by patent, advocate-general or judge-martial of his land forces : He is the 5th that hath born this title of Baronet, and the 19th generation of the surname on record.

ARMS: Sable, three Bars Argent. With the augmentation of the Rose of *England* and the Thistle of *Scotland*, impaled, in a Canton Or.

CREST: On a Wreath, a Bull Passant Argent ; they bore anciently, a Bull's Head Argent, collar'd with three Bars sable.

SUPPORTERS: Over the Gates of *Hoghton-Tower*, put up the beginning of the Reign of Queen *Elizabeth* : Two Bulls Argent.

MOTTO: *Malgre le Tort.*

SEATS, *Hoghton-Tower*, and *Walton-Hall*, both in *Lancashire*.

(a) Le Neve's *Monumenta Anglicana*, from 1700 to 1715. p. 183. (b) Ex Infor. Dom. Hen. Hoghton, Bar.

3. PEYTON of Iselham, Cambridgeshire.

(Sir JOHN, KNIGHT,)

Created BARONET, May 22, 1611.

THIS family, as Mr. Camden observes, derive themselves from the Uffords (*a*), Earls of Suffolk, who descended from William Malet, a Norman Baron (*b*), that was sheriff of Yorkshire in the third of William I. and from him received the grants of many lordships and manours; and among others, he possessed those of Sibton and Peyton-Hall, in com. Suff. (*c*), at the time of the general survey. ' Iselham, says the author first cited, ' formerly belonged to the Bernards, which came to the family ' of the Peytons by marriage. Which knightly family of Peyton, flower'd out of the same male stock, whence the Uffords, ' earls of Suffolk, descended; albeit they assumed the surname ' of Peyton, according to the use of that age, from their manor ' of Peyton-Hall in Boxford, in the county of Suffolk.

The first of whom was Reginald de Peyton (*d*), second son of Walter, lord of Sibton, (a descendant of the Malets) and dapifer, or steward to Hugh de Bigod; for whose soul he gave to the priory of Thetford divers lands. He had issue two sons, William and John.

Mr. Le Neve says thus (*e*);

The first of whom we find by the name of Peyton was Reignold de Peyton, second son to Walter lord of Sibton, in Suffolk, younger brother to Mallet, sheriff of Yorkshire, and lord of the honour of Eay in Suffolk. This Reignold held the lordships of Peyton-Hall in Ramshold and Boxford, in Suffolk, of Hugh de Bigod; he was sewer to Roger Bigod, Earl of Norfolk, and gave much lands to the monks of Thetford to pray for the soul of Hugh Bigod, and had two sons, William and John.

William de Peyton held certain lands in Boxford, of the fee of the abbey of St. Edmundsbury, as appears by a charter of his nephew John.

The other son, John de Peyton, to whom King Stephen, and his cousin-german William de Cassineto, baron of Horsford, granted all his lands in Peyton, well, peaceably, and rightly, with soc and sac, with all liberties and apurtenances to hold, as

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(*a*) Cam. Brit. in Cambr.(*b*) Dug. Bar. nage, vol. I. p. 110.(*c*) Domesd.

Lib. in com. Suff.

(*d*) Ex. Col. Tho. Jekyl ex Evident. de Peyton.(*e*) In his

MSS. of the Baronets, vol. I. p. 52.

his ancestors before held the same, and that he should have warren, &c. The baron of Horsford's charter begins thus ;

Willielmus, filius Roberti filii Walteri, Dapifero suo & omnibus amicis & hominibus, &c. granting to John, son of Reginald his cousin, the service of Robert de Rameshot, in fee and inheritance, &c.

Which John, had issue four sons, John, the elder, Robert, Peter, and John, the younger.

Robert, was lord justice of Ireland, in the time of Henry III. and Edward I. and, being lord of Ufford, assumed the surname of his ancestors. Whose son, Robert de Ufford, was created earl of Suffolk, 11 Edward III (a). 1336, and made knight of the garter. He was at the battle of Cagn, and merited so well, that the king rewarded him with the honour of Eye, formerly belonging to his family.

Brothers to the earl, were Thomas de Ufford, knight of the garter, 'and John Ufford, who was brought up at Cambridge, 'and made doctor of law; promoted first to the deanry of Lincoln, then to the chancellorship of England, and lastly, to the 'archbishoprick of Canterbury, which he never enjoy'd, being 'cut off by the plague, (which consumed nine parts of the men in 'England) (b) before he received either his pall or consecration, 'June 7, anno 1348, and lieth obscurely buried in that cathedral church.'

Peter de Peyton, lord of Peyton-Hall, who held lands in Ramshot and Peyton, in the time of king John, and took to wife Helena — of whom he had issue, Robert de Peyton, father to Sir John de Peyton, Knt. of the same places; whose male issue seem'd to fail temp. Edw. III.

The fourth son was John de Peyton, jun. who sold (c) 'Job. 'de Peyton fratri meo Primogenito' to John his eldest brother, all his lands which he had in Boxford, of the fee of the abbey of St. Edmonds and Stoke-Neyland, which their father, John de Peyton, and William, their uncle, formerly possess'd.

Sir John, the eldest son, succeeded, and was lord of Peyton-Hall in Boxford, and possessed lands in Stoke-Neyland, in com. Suff. In which parish-church, both his father and he, with his wife Agnes, and many of his posterity, lie interr'd; as we learn from Mr. Weever (d), who has transmitted to us their memorial, in these words: 'At the upper end, in the north side of this 'church next to the chancel, John de Peyton, the son of Reginald, lieth interr'd under a marble stone; about the verge 'whereof these few French words following are only remaining;

—Jena de Peytona—Mercye—l'ame Crist—

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(a) Duc. Bar. vol. II. p. 47. (b) Weever's Fun. Mon. p. 222. (c) Ex Autograph. ejusd. Johani, (d) Fun. Mon. p. 776.

‘ Under another marble stone adjoining, his son, Sir John Peyton, Knt. lieth inhum’d, with this French inscription ;

Vous qe par ici passet,
Pur l’ame fire Jehan de Peytona priet.
Le cours de oi ici gist ;
L’ame receyue Jhu crist. Amen.

This Sir John de Peyton, flourished under Henry III. as may appear by a catalogue of knights in that reign. He had free warren in Stoke-Neyland, Boxford, Polsted, &c (a). and having issue by his wife, Matilda de Bueriis, (Buers) (as is evident by her arms, impal’d at Boxford, after the ancient manner ;) tho’ Le Neve calls her, Maude, sister and heir to Symond de Notele (b) ; three sons and one daughter, Agnes, mentioned in the last will and testament of her brother ; William, and James de Peyton, who was witness to a dateless charter of his father, and to another of his elder brother, who was

Sir John de Peyton, Knt. successor to his father ; to whom, and Clementia his wife, 27 Henry III(c). John, son of William de Effington, gave two acres of land, &c.

Anno 14 Edward I. a fine passed at Colchester, before Solomon de Roff, and other judges ; wherein John de Peyton and his wife, acknowledged to John de Dikely 13s. 4d. rent in Bromley, &c. anno 28 Edw. I. This Sir John serv’d in the parliament held at Westminster, as one of the Knights of the Shire for the county of Suffolk (d), having reasonable allowance for his expence ; as also in another parliament, 29 Edward I. soon after which he died ; for his last will and testament bears date the Monday before the feast of St. Michael, A. D. 1318, part whereof follows ; ‘ In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, &c. ‘ I John de Peyton, Knt. &c. make my will, &c. my body to ‘ be buried in the parish-church of Stoke-Neyland, near the altar of St. Edmund, in the chapel which I built. To Robert, ‘ my son, all my lands ; to John, my son, twenty marks ; to ‘ James, my brother, forty shillings ; to Gilian, my daughter, ‘ a nun of Mallines, twenty shillings ; to Agnes, my sister, &c. ‘ Given at Peyton in Stoke-Neyland.

This Sir John had 3 wives, Agnes, Agnes, and Clementia, as appears by his will (e).

Sir Robert, the eldest son, succeeded, who, in many of his evidences is stil’d Chevalier and Monsieur ; as by a fine in the king’s court at York, 12 Edward III. between Robert de Peyton, Chevalier, and Joan his wife, demandants ; and Thomas de Corney, rector of the church of Boxford de-forciants, for lands and rents

(a) Cart. 27. E. 1. N. 5. Le Neve’s MSS. of Baronets, vol. I. p. 62. (b) In a deed dated 7 Edw. I. (c) Ex Chartis Famil. (d) Pryn’s Parl. Reg. vol. IV. p. 10. Ibid. p. 16. (e) Le Neve’s MSS. of Baronets, ibid.

rents in Effington, &c (a). whereby he entail'd the same upon his heirs male, by Joan his wife; and, for want of such issue, upon John his brother, &c. the remainder, &c. And, in a letter of John of Eltham, earl of Cornwall, son to King Edward II. is thus wrote, *John, Son of the noble King of England, to Monsieur Robert de Peyton salut.* &c (b). Anno 23 Edward III. to him and Joan his wife, and John his younger son, Thomas Welsh of Boxford granted lands in Boxford.

He died 25 Edward III. and was buried near his father. Having had to wives, first, the lady Christiana de Apleton, widow of William de Apleton, and heir to lands in Haxwell and Boxford; who, died 19 Edward II. leaving no children, and was buried at Stoke-Neyland with great pomp, whose funeral expences are thus set down (c), fifty quarter of wheat 4l. 10s. one hog-shead of wine 53l. 4s. four muttons 5s. eight barrow-hogs 24s. ten calves, &c.

His second wife was Joan de Marney, of the noble family of the Marneys of Layer-Marney, in Essex, by whom there was issue Sir John, the next heir; William, from whom was a release to his father Robert, dated 13 Edward III. and John de Peyton, jun. to whom William Castelayne, John de Rikell, &c. granted the manor of Badlees in Waldingfield, 5 Edward III. He lies buried at Wicken.

Sir John succeeded, and married Margaret, the daughter and coheir of Sir John Gernon of Lees, in Essex; Knt. lord of Wicken, in com. Cantab. and Bankwell in Derbyshire; in whose right he possessed the manor of Wicken (d); and 17 Richard II. jointly with her, held part of the manor of Esthorp, by the service of one knight's fee; in whose reign he died, and was buried with his ancestors at Stoke-Neyland. She lived till 2 Henry V. and, departing this life A. D. 1414, was buried at Wicken.

Their son and heir, John de Peyton, Esq; inherited, who took to wife Joan, daughter and heir of Sir Hammon Sutton of Wickefsho, in com. Suff. Knt. by whom Wickefsho came to this family. Who, by his last testament, A. D. 1404, constituted his said wife executrix, Margaret his mother then living; and dying about the 5th of Henry IV. was buried, as he appointed, with

(a) Thomas Baldewyne concessit Robto de Peytone terras in Efyngton Testib. Dnus Robto de Bures, Joho de Tendryng, Petro de Denarstone Militib. Tho. le Chasteleyn, dat. apud E. Sabati crastino sci Cuthberti 14 Edw. II.—ex carta visa p. Petr. Leneve.—Alicia ux. Tho. de Grey Militis concessit Robto de Peytone redditus & servitia A. M. de terr's in Boxford tentis de Manerio Alicie de Codenham Suff. dat. 17 E. 2.

Johes Bot'tourt Miles dedit, &c. relaxavit, &c. servitia & redditus que Ro. Peytone sibi debuit Manerio de Paddockshall in Lellesley per terr. in Boxford, dat 14. E. 2. Le Neve's MSS. of the Baronets, vol. I. p. 61. (b) Ex Eviden. hujus Famil. (c) Ex Evid. in Coll. Tho. Jekyll. (d) Dr. Holland in his Additions to Camden, says, Wicken came to the Family of the Peytons by a Daughter and Coheir of Gernon, about Edward the third's time.

with his ancestors at Stoke-Neyland. He left issue, by his said wife, (afterwards married to Sir Roger Drury, Knt.) Margery, wife of Thomas Daubeney of Sharrington, in Norfolk, Esq; and three sons, John, Thomas, and Robert, to whom their mother Joan, in her widowhood, gave the manor of Wickesho by deed dated 13 Hen. VI (a).

John, the eldest, was left a minor, being fifteen years old, 8 Henry IV (b), at which time an agreement was made between the lady Margaret, his grandmother, Joan his mother of the one part; and John Burgoyne of Drayton, in com. Cantab. of the other; for an intermarriage with Grace, daughter of the said Burgoyne. Which marriage took effect (c); and from thence proceeded two sons, John and Thomas, and a daughter Anne, married to Jeffry Lockton, Esq; He died in the flower of his age, the 6th of October, 4 Henry V (d). as appears by inquisition taken at Fordham, before William Alyngton, Escaetor, &c.

His son John, aged three years and three quarters at his father's death, died in his minority the 29th of October, 11 Henry VI. as is set forth in the inquisition taken at Colchester, Tuesday after the feast of St. James; at which time a tenement called Welles, in Birch Magna, in com. Essex. by reason of his tender age, was in the king's hands.

Whereupon Thomas, then aged seventeen years, and seized of the manor of Esthorp, was the next heir; and his mother Grace dying the 6th of May, he was found her heir to the manor of Messing, which was held of the crown, as of the honour of Keynes, by the service of one knight's fee; also of the manor of Binchall, and the castle. Upon the feast of All-Saints, 18 Henry VI (e). his age was proved at Cambridge, viz. twenty two years; at which time it was sworn by John Welford, that he was born and baptized at Dry-Drayton, in that county, 7 Henry V. A. D. 1418, many agreeing in the verdict; among whom Robert Chapman alledg'd, that the day on which he was born being the feast of St. Valentine, there was a great storm: One knew it by the great wind; another broke his leg by a fall from his horse; another, for that his wife was buried; another, for then his lease was burnt; another, for then his daughter Margaret was burnt; another fell from a tree and broke his arm; another, for then his mother was buried, as the several jurors deposed upon their oaths.

This Thomas was high-sheriff of Cambridge and Huntingdon, 21 and 31 Henry VI. and, about the 17th of Edward IV. he began to rebuild the church of Iselham, agreeing then with John Waltham,

(a) Le Neve, *ibid.* (b) *Claus.* 25. N^o. 36. (c) Le Neve in his MSS. of the *Baronets*, vol. I. p. 62. puts a *Quere* to this Marriage; and asks whether he did not marry to his first or second wife, Grace, daughter of ——— Langley of Knowlton, in Kent, and if she did not remarry Richard Baynard of Essex. (d) *Inquis. ejusd.* (e) *Escaet.* 18 Henry VI.

Waltham, alias Sudbury, free-mason, for the same. In the chancel of which church he lies interr'd, having a monument erected there to his memory, viz. his effigies cast in brass, with the following inscription:

- * Orate pro animabus Thomæ Peyton, Armigeri,
- * & Margaretæ ac Margaretæ uxoribus ejus. Qui
- * quidem Thomas obiit 30 die mensis Julii, A. D.
- * 1484. Quorum animabus propitiatur Deus.
- * Amen.

He married first Margaret, daughter and coheir of Sir John Bernard of Iselham, Knt. by which match Iselham descended to this family; and he had issue by her Thomas, hereafter mentioned, Margaret, and Grace.

His second wife was Margaret, daughter and coheir of Sir Hugh Francis of Giffords, in the parish of Wickhambrook, in com. Suff. (widow of Thomas Garnish of Kenton, in Suffolk, Esq; (a). Of this match proceeded two sons, Christopher and Francis. 1. Christopher Peyton, Esq; who had great possessions in Wickhambrook and Bury. In the 12th of Henry VII (b). he was sheriff of the counties of Cambridge and Huntingdon; and having married Elizabeth, daughter of Leonard Hide of Hide-Hall, in Hertfordshire, Esq; (c) left no issue. He died 15 Henry VII. and, with his wife, was buried in Iselham church, on the roof whereof are these words cut in wood;

- * Pray for the good Prosperity of Christopher Peyton,
- * and Elizabeth his Wife, and for the Soul of Thomas Peyton, Esq; and Margaret his Wife; Father
- * and Mother of the said Christopher Peyton: And
- * for the Souls of all the Posterity of the said Christopher Peyton

Francis Peyton of St. Edmundsbury, Esq; 2d son, heir to his mother, was also of Coggeshall in Essex (d). He married Elizabeth, daughter of Reginald Brook of Aspellstoneham, in Suffolk, Esq; by whom he had Christopher, and Edmund, customer of Calais, who married, but left no male issue. Christopher Peyton of St. Edmundsbury, married Jane, daughter of Thomas Mildmay, Esq; and sister to Sir Thomas Mildmay of Chelmsford, in Essex, Knt. and was father of 3 sons, Thomas, Christopher, and Henry of London. 1. Thomas Peyton of St. Edmundsbury, customer of Plymouth, who by Cicely, daughter of John Bouchier earl of Bath, (and Eleanor Manors his wife, daughter of Henry, earl of Rutland) was father of Sir Henry Peyton, knighted by King James I. who followed long the wars in the Low-Countries, and married Mary, daughter of Edward Seymour, Duke of Somerset, and

(a) Le Neve's MSS. *ibid.* (b) Fuller's Worthies in Camb. *ibid.* (d) Le Neve's MSS. vol. I. p. 62

(c) Le Neve,

and widow of Andrew Rogers of Brianston in Dorsetshire, Esq; eldest son to Sir Richard Rogers, Knt. 2. Christopher Peyton of St. Edmundsbury, who was knighted by King James I. and auditor in Ireland. He married Anne, daughter of William Palmer of Warwickshire, Esq; and left 3 daughters his coheiresses, 1. Elizabeth, married to Richard Cooke of St. Edmundsbury. 2. Cicely, married to Henry Rookwood of Ewsham, and, 3. Thomazin, married first to captain Baptiste Castillon of the bedchamber to Queen Elizabeth; she remarried to Robert Pigott of the Defart, in Ireland, Esq; 3. Henry Peyton of London, who married Mary, daughter of William Pickering of London, and left posterity.

Thomas Peyton, the only son of Thomas, by the first venter, died before his father (a), and by his wife Joan, the daughter of — Calthorp of Norfolk, he had the manor of (b) Calthorp, and other lands, and had issue, Thomas, who died issueless, Robert, John, and Edward; which two last are mentioned in their brother Sir Robert's will; and four daughters, Elizabeth, married to Edward Langley of Knowlton, in Kent, Esq; Jane, to John Langley of Lowleworth, in com. Cantab. Esq; Anne, to John Asheby of Harefield, in Middlesex, Esq; (ancestor to those now of that place) and Dorothy. — Joan surviving her husband, married secondly, William Mauleverer, Esq;

The eldest son, Sir Robert, inherited, who was sheriff of Cambridge and Huntingdon, 14 Henry VII. and making his will the 18th of March, 9 Henry VIII. died the same year. By which he bequeathed many vestments and legacies to the churches of Denton, and Knowlton in Kent (c); Wicken, Spiney, and Bokeworth, in com. Cantab. and, with his lady Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Robert Cleer of Ormsby, in com. Norf. lieth buried in the chapel of St. Catherine at Iselham, with this epitaph;

Of your Charyty pray for the Soule of Sir Robert Peyton, Knyght, which departed to God the 18th Day of Marche. 1518. and of the Soul of Dame Elisabeth, his Wyfe, whiche departed to God in the Year of our Lord 1500.

They left issue, 1. Sir Robert. 2. John, who married Dorothy, daughter of Sir Robert Tyndall of Hockwoud, in com. Norf. Knt. of whom descended the Peytons of Knowlton, and Dodington, Barts. the former of which titles is extinct, and the latter will hereafter be mentioned in its proper place; and, 3. Edward, who died without issue. Also two daughters, Margaret, married to Francis Jenney of Knotshall, in com. Suff. Esq; from whom

(a) Le Neve's MSS. *ibid.* prov'd by the Fine, 2 R. 3. (b) Visit. Cantab. per Hen. St. Geor. A. D. 1619. (c) This Sir Robert, (his brother-in-law Edward dying without issue,) possessed Knowlton, as heir general to the Langleys, by reason of a former match, between Peyton and Langley, temp. Hen. 5. Philpot's Kent, p. 229.

whom descend the Jenneys of that place, and Elizabeth, wife of Sir William Wigston of Wolston, in com. Warw. Knt. To both which daughters their father gave, by will, each three hundred marks.

Sir Robert was the next heir, who was sheriff of the two aforesaid counties, 17 and 27 Henry VIII. and accompanied that king to the siege of Bullen; and was again sheriff, 1 Q. Mary (a). He married Frances, daughter and heir of Francis Haffyliden of Little Chefterford in Essex, Esq; and of Steeple-Marden, in com. Cantab. by whose right he became possess'd of those places: besides other lands in com. Rutl.

This lady founded the famous hospital at Iselham, and was buried by her husband in that church, where their memories are still preserv'd by the following inscriptions;

* Pray for the Soule of Sir Robert Peyton, Knyght,
 * the Son of Sir Robert Peyton, Knt. whiche married
 * Frances, Daughter and Heyre of Francys
 * Haffyliden, Esq; deceas'd; whiche Sir Robert
 * deceased the fyrst Day of August, A. D. 1550,
 * whose Soul God pardon.

Hic jacet Francisca Peyton, nuper Uxor Roberti Peyton Militis, Eximium Charitatis & Religionis Exemplar, quæ, in sempiternam Nominis sui memoriam Publicum Hospitium, de suo Nomine vulgo dictum (Peyton's Hospital) propriis suis sumptibus in Iselham extruxit, perpetuis Censibus dotavit & confirmavit.

Obiit 18 Martis, A. D. 1580.

Quid tua vita? Dolor Quid mors nisi meta dolorum?

Mors vitam sequitur, vita beata necem,

Ergone Franciscæ vitam lacrimabibus? Absit:

Pocis abesse viris, posset ut esset Deo.

Their progeny were six sons and two daughters, 1. Robert. 2. William. 3. Richard of Little Chefterford, in Essex, who married Mary, daughter of Leonard Hyde of Hide-Hall in Hertfordshire, Esq; She after his decease, married Sir John Cary lord Hunfdon (b). Of this Richard we have this account, from his epitaph in Iselham church.

Here under lyeth a worthy Esquire that, Richard Peyton hyght,
 An honest Gentleman, and thyrd Son to Robert Peyton, Knyght.
 In Gray's-Inn, Student of the Lawe, where he a Reader was;
 He feared God, and loved hys Word, in Truth hys Life did pass:
 In practising of Justice, loe, was hys whole Delyght;
 He never wronged any one to whom he might do Right.
 Whom he esteemed an honest Fryend, who he myght stand in stead.
 He never left to do hym Good wyth Words, with Purse, and Deeds.

Fourteen

(a) Fuller's Worthies in Cambridgeshire.

(b) Le Neve's MSS. *ibid.*

Fourteen Years Space he marry'd was unto a beautiful Wyfe,
By Parent named Mary Hyde, they lived devoyd of Stryfe,
The Earth hym bear twice twenty Years, and vyrtuously he lyved,
A vyrtuous Lyfe he dyd embrace, and vyrtuously he dyed,

Anno Domini, 1574.

The thyrtyeth Day of April, Year seventy and four,
A thousand fyve hundred being put to that more.

The three other sons were Christopher, Edward, and John.
The daughters, Catherine, wife of — Williams of — in
com. Oxon. Esq; and Elizabeth, wife of Thomas Wrenne of
Hinton, in Hadenham, in the isle of Ely, Esq;

Robert the eldest, lord of Iselham, was Knight of the Shire
for Cambridge, 4th and 5th of Queen Mary, and high sheriff of
the united counties of Cambridge and Huntingdon, 9 Eliz (a).
and received the honour of knighthood from King James I. at
Royston, November 1608. He married the lady Elizabeth
Rich, daughter of Richard, baron Rich of Leez, lord high-chancellor
of England; by whom he had issue three sons, Robert,
who died in his father's life-time unmarried; Sir John, the Baronet,
and Richard, who died without issue: And as many
daughters, Mary, wedded first to Robert Balam of Wolsoken,
in com. Norf. Esq; 2dly to Sir Richard Cox of Braham, in the
isle of Ely, Knt. Frances, wife of John Hagar of Bourne-Castle,
in com. Cantab. Esq; and Winifride, wife 1st of — Osborne,
Esq; counsellor at law, then of — Harefleet of Kent; and
afterwards of John Hornbye, in com. Linc. Esq;

Sir John Peyton of Iselham, knighted by King James I.
succeeded his father Sir Robert and was lord of Peyton-Hall, in
Boxford, Wicken, and Wikefho, &c. He was sheriff of the
counties of Cambridge and Huntingdon, 35 Eliz. and Knight of
the Shire for the last mention'd county, as also 1 James I. (b) and
the next year sheriff again; and in the ninth of that reign, received
the new order of Baronet at the first institution of it.

By his wife Alice, daughter to Sir Edward Osborn, who was
Lord-Mayor of London, 25 Elizabeth, A. D. 1583, and progenitor
to the duke of Leeds. He had five sons and six daughters;
Sir Edward, the next Baronet; John, who died without issue;
Robert, fellow of Queen's-College in Cambridge; Roger, William
of Warlingworth, in Suffolk, (who married Tabitha, daughter
of Henry Payne of Walthamstow in Essex, and left two sons,
John and William;) (c) and Thomas, who was slain at the Burse
in Holland. The daughters were, Anne, married to Sir Robert
Bacon, of Riborough in Norfolk, Bart. third son of Sir Nicholas
Bacon of Redgrave, Bart. Alice, wife of Sir John, son and heir
of Sir John Peyton of Dodington, Knt. Elizabeth, of Sir Anthony

(a) Fuller's Worthies.

(b) Fuller, *ibid.*

(c) La Neve, *ibid.*

thony Irby of Boston, in com. Linc. Knt. Mary, of Sir Roger Meers of Hoghton, in com. Linc. Knt. Frances and Susan Peyton, who both died unmarried.

He was succeeded both in estate and honour, by Sir Edward, his eldest son, who was bred at St. Edmundsbury-school, and afterward educated at Cambridge. He was knighted at Whitehall, February 4, 1610. and during his father's life, was denominated of Great Bradley, in com. Suff. and served in parliament from the 18th of James I. to the third of Charles I. as one of the Knights of the Shire for the county of Cambridge, and was Custos Rotulorum thereof; which office he was deprived of by the endeavours of the great favourite of James I. the duke of Buckingham. Whereat he was so much disgusted, that he first drew his pen against the court, and writ several pamphlets with great acrimony of stile against King Charles I. (a). and the royalists; and at length, siding with the presbyterians in the times of the great rebellion, had his share of sufferings for that cause, while the war lasted; which so impoverish'd him, that he sold Iselham, (which had continued in the family so many years,) and ruined the whole estate, drawing in his eldest son to join with him in the sale thereof, only reserving annuities for both their lives.

This Sir Edward married three wives; first Matilda, daughter of Robert Livefay of Tooting, in com. Surr. Esq; by whom he had issue John, Edward, who was a clergyman, (and had three sons, Edward, Robert, and Henry) and Robert; also a daughter, Amy, married to Henry Lawrence of St. Ives in Huntingdonshire, and of St. Margaret's, in com. Hert. Esq; (b).

Sir Edward, married to his second lady, Jane, daughter of Sir James Calthorp of Cockthorp, in Norfolk, Knt. and widow of Sir Henry Thymelthorp of Norfolk, Knt. by whom he had issue one son, Thomas Peyton of Rougham in Norfolk, Esq; who married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir William Yelverton of Rougham, Bart. by whom he had four sons; 1. William Peyton of Dublin, who died 1686. He married Frances, daughter and co-heir of Sir Herbert Lunsford, Knt. by whom he had no male issue. 2. Robert, of Virginia, who left no male issue. 3. Charles Peyton of Grimston, in Norfolk, Esq; who married Elizabeth, daughter of William Bladwell of Swanington, in Norfolk, Esq; they both lie buried at Swanington; having had six sons; 1. Sir Yelverton, hereafter mentioned; 2. Bladwell, who married Mary, daughter of William Probart of Court-Evangwenge, in Radnorshire, Gent. by whom he has issue one son, Charles, and two daughters, Mary and Elizabeth, all young. 3. William, of Grimston, in Norfolk, who married Alice, daughter of William Robotham of Grimston, Gent. and died at Leverington, in the Isle of Ely, without issue.

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(a) Wood Athenæ, vol. II. p. 156. Edit. 1721. (b) Chauncey's Hertf. p. 284.

4. Charles, who died at sea, without Issue. 5. Golby, drowned at Lynn, without issue. 6. John Peyton, citizen of London, who married first, Dorothy, daughter of James Altham of Marks-hall, in Essex, Esq; by whom he hath one son, John; and by his second wife Susan, daughter of Peter Calvert of Hunsdon, in Hertfordshire, Esq; (and sister to the present Peter Calvert of Hunsdon, Esq;) he hath another son named Yelverton.

The fourth son of Thomas Peyton of Rougham, Esq; was Yelverton, who married a daughter of Mr. Roberts, a merchant in Bristol, niece of Sir John Roberts of Bromley, in Middlesex, Bart. Thomas Peyton, Esq; the father of these sons, died 1683.

Sir Edward, married to his third lady, Dorothy, daughter of Mr. Edward Ball of Stockwell, in Surry, by whom he had two sons, 1. Edward Peyton of Surinam, merchant, who died 1675. He married Mary, daughter of Mr. Mulfyn, an Italian merchant, and left one daughter his sole heir, named Signora Angiola, married to Francis Ceffis of Peesfroneer in Venice. 2. Joseph Peyton, who, by Mary, daughter and coheir of Marmaduke Vincent of Great Smeaton, in Yorkshire, had issue Vincent Peyton, only child living, three years old 1688.

Sir Edward Peyton, Bart. died at Wicken, in Cambridgehire, in 1657; and was succeeded by his eldest son, by the first marriage,

Sir John Peyton, Bart. who had two wives, 1. — daughter of Sir Edward Bellingham, who left no issue. But by his second wife — daughter of — Hobart, he had three sons; Edward, who died young; Sir John Peyton, Bart. who succeeded him; and Thomas, who was first an ensign, and afterwards captain in the guards; a gentleman of bright parts, and good accomplishments, which recommended him to the notice and favour of King Charles II. he died a bachelor. Sir John had also one daughter, Martha, married to George Duncombe of Shalford, near Guilford, in Surry, Esq; Sir John, died 1666, and was buried in St. Giles's in the Fields, London, and was succeeded by his only son.

Sir John Peyton, Bart. who serv'd his king and country in several military stations; for, presently after the restoration, he went with the earl of Rutherford to Tangier, under whom he serv'd there till his death; and then returning into England, he rode in the guards in the lord of Oxford's regiment; from whence, by the interest of the late duke of Leeds, his near relation, he was preferred to be a lieutenant in Sir John Hanmer's company, in the duke of Buckingham's regiment, in which he serv'd at sea the last Dutch war; and, when that was ended, went into Ireland with the regiment, 1674. The next year the earl of Essex gave him a company, which he exchanged for a commission of

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lieutenant

lieutenant of horse. And, in King James's reign, when the lord Tyrconnel turned out the protestants, he agreed with his secretary to surrender to him his post, upon payment of the yearly value of 100*l.* per annum for his life. He was attainted by an act of parliament in King James II'd's time, and restored by King William's parliament (*a*). During the administration of the late earl of Rochester, her late Majesty Q. Anne, made him governor of Ross-Cattle in Kerry; but his choice determining him to reside at Dublin, he quitted that post.

He first married the daughter of Mr. Newman, and widow of Mr. Kana O Hara. His second wife was the daughter of — Lloyd of Morton-Hall in Wales, Esq; and widow of Richard Barry. His third wife was Mrs. Rebecca Williams of Liverpool, widow of the rev. Mr. Daniel Tomlinson. He died in Ireland, 1721, without issue; and was succeeded by his cousin,

Sir Yelverton Peyton, the present Baronet, eldest son of Charles Peyton of Grimston, in Norfolk, Esq; who was third son of Thomas Peyton of Rougham, Esq; only son of Sir Edward Peyton, Bart. by his second marriage, beforementioned.

Which Sir Yelverton Peyton, Bart. is captain of the Hector man of war, and married Flora, daughter of Philip Facy of Plymouth, Gent. by whom he hath had two sons, Yelverton and Bladwell, who both died young.

ARMS: Sable, a Cross engrail'd, Or.

CREST: On a Wreath, a Grifphon sejant, Or.

MOTTO: *Patior potior.*

4. CLIFTON of Clifton, Nottinghamshire.

(Sir GERVASE, KNIGHT of the BATH.)

Created BARONET, May 22, 1611.

OF this family, Gervase Holles, Esq; a laborious antiquary (*b*) has given a succinct account to the death of Sir Gervase Clifton, the first baronet; he observes, they took their surname from Clifton, a ville about two miles distant from Nottingham, which in its Saxon etymon signifies a ville situate upon a rock or shelving ground, as Sir W. Dugdale rightly observes (*c*), and upon a prominent is this seated (yet in a fertile soil) at the foot of which the Trent runneth: Where the Cliftons have a noble feat, from which

(*a*) Le Neve's MSS. of Baronets, vol. I. p. 62.
(*c*) Antiq. Warwickshire, p. 8.

(*b*) Ex MS. Gerv. Holles, Arm.

which, ascending by many steps, we rest upon the top, in a fair bowling-green, that yields a most pleasant prospect, overlooking the Trent, the town of Nottingham, the vale of Belvoir, and part of the forest of Sherwood.

They derive themselves from Alvaredus de Clifton, a knight, said to be living in the time of William Peverell, the conqueror's bastard; [and for proof of this, Alvaredus, and three others of his lineal posterity, is cited as an authority amongst the collections of Mr. St. Lo. Kniveton, thus render'd in English :

Memorandum, Alvared Clifton, Kt. lord of the manor of Wilford, with the apurtenances in demesne as of fee, was warden of the castle of Nottingham, in the time of William Peverell; after whose death, Sir Robert Clifton, Knt. his son and heir, was lord of the said manor, and warden of the said castle; which manor and office Sir Gervase Clifton, Knt. son and heir of the said Sir Robert, held all his life-time. This Sir Gervase, made the outer ward of the castle, and made the castle mills; likewise dug a trench from the Trent-water to the said mills, thro' his own demesne lands, as far as Kingis-Meadow. Moreover, the said Gervase made a wear [gurgustum] in his water of Trent, to feed the said mills.

In an old plea-roll of the forests, &c. before Geffry Fitz-Peers, anno 33 Henry II. I find Gervase de Clifton amerced for his trespass; the same person who is mention'd above, in relation to Nottingham-castle.

Gerbode de Eschaud, was lord of Clifton and Langor, before 19 Henry II. parcel of the honour of Peverell; afterwards it passed to Gerard de Rodes; who held it 1 John. Raph de Rodes, a very eminent man, possessed them 6 Henry III. whose son Sir Gerard de Rodes, lord of Melles, about the end of Henry III. or Edward I. granted to Sir Gervase de Clifton, all his lands and tenements in Clifton and Wilford, &c. and all kind of homages and services, of his free-men and villains of Clifton, Wilford, and Barton, &c. as by an *Inspeximus* of King Edward I. reciting and confirming the charter made by Rodes.

King Edward I. in the ninth year of his reign, reciting the deed of the said Sir Gerard, confirmed it. Gervase, son of Gervase de Clifton, was senescal in this Gerard's time (a).

Thoroton, in his antiquities of Nottinghamshire, treating of Clifton, says, ' This worthy family therefore, which held lands ' here, and had their name from their residence at this place, and ' sometimes at Wilford, must not, till this time (9 Edward I.) ' pretend to be lords of it, notwithstanding the received tradition ' and old parchment-writing, importing that Sir Alvered de ' Clifton, Knt. was lord of the manor of Wilford, and guardian

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(a) Thoroton's Nottinghamshire, p. 52.

of the castle at Nottingham, in the time of William Peverell and his son Sir Robert de Clifton, after him in like manner.

There is no manor of Wilford in domesday-book, and King William, or William Peverell, built the castle of Nottingham himself, and dwelt in it, and his son after him; yet tis not unlike but that they might have some considerable trust or employment under the Peverells (*a*).

Anno 21 Edward I. we find that Clifton with the Soke, then an escheat to the king, was of the honour of Peverell, valued at 40l. per annum, and Ralph de Rodes held it of the king by the service of half a knight's fee; so that as Rodes held this manor immediately of the king, he might grant it about the beginning of King John, to Gervase de Clifton, to hold of himself by particular services; anno 5 Joh. a fine was levied betwixt this Gervase de Clifton, and Robert de Alvideleg, in relation to an agreement that the son of the said Gervase, should marry the daughter of the said Robert; and therein the said Gervase, and his sister Ismania, quit claim all conventions, and all charters of inheritance of the said Robert, which concerned that marriage. This Gervase, had also a daughter Cicely, who was the wife of Roger de Cressi, for 3 Joh. she being then his widow, ow'd forty marks and a palfrey, to have her reasonable dower of the freehold of the said Roger, in Nottinghamshire (*b*); and that she might not be compell'd to marry. It seems it came to a suit, for, in the same king's reign, she impleaded William de Cressi, (son of Roger) for right of her dower in Hoddefac, Kelum, Gedling, Ramp-ton, Weston, and Marcham: And the said William de Cressi, 5 Joh. settled upon her, in consideration of her dower, half a knight's fee in Melton, with other lands.

It is conceived, that his son and grandson were both of them named Gervase; for 20 Henry III. (thirty-two years after the time last mention'd) there was a fine levied between Gervase de Clifton, (taken for the son) and Hugh de Bel, concerning two oxgangs of land in Wilford. Anno 52 Henry III. Gervase, son of Gervase de Clifton, (the grandson) gives one mark for a writ in com. Not.

Sir Gervase, Knt. third of that name, (son of the last Gervase de Clifton) died 17 Edward II. having married Amficia, daughter of Sir William Sampson of Eperston, Knt. his son was Gervase who died before him, 9 Edward II. leaving by Alice, daughter and heir of Robert de Rabacin, Robert his son, heir to his grandfather.

To the last Sir Gervase, son of Gervase; John the son of Alfred de Soleney, confirm'd eight virgats of land in Broughton, 6 Edward I. and

(*a*) Thoroton, p. 52.

(*b*) Ibid.

and in the 9th year of the same king's reign, Richard de Einolf, and Isold his wife, granted him an oxgang in Wilford. This Sir Gervase must be accounted a principal advancer of this family (a). He was constituted high sheriff of the counties of Nottingham and Derby, anno 7 Edward I. and continued for 7 years (b); and in 14 of that king, he was appointed high sheriff of Yorkshire, and continued for six years (c). In his shirvalty of the 18th year, upon complaint of John de Carleton, he was committed to goal for making a false return of a writ. In the 20th of Edward I. a mandate was issued out to the sheriff of Nottingham and Derby, that he should attach the said Gervase, to compel him to give his accounts for the time wherein he was sheriff of Yorkshire, at a certain time appointed; at which day he came, and accounted accordingly; and the same year had allowance for several sums of money, which in the 19th, whilst he was sheriff of Yorkshire, he had expended by the king's command: Robert de Tiptot the constable, 12 Edward I. demised Nottingham-castle with the apurtenances, to him, for 68l. per ann. which, if there were no other reason, might occasion the story of the guardianship. (d)

The same Sir Gervase de Clifton, (for he lived long) I find to be lord of the manor of Clifton, *cum membris*, in the 9th of Edward II. as likewise of Hickeling and Broughton, together with Richard de Grey: But in the 17th of the same king, an office was found after his death, wherein he is said to die seized of the manors of Clifton, Wilford, and Broughton, in the county of Nottingham; leaving Robert de Clifton, the son of Gervase, his eldest son, (who died before him) his next heir, and above twenty-six years of age; who did his homage to the king, as heir to his grandfather, and had seisin of his lands accordingly. The next year, it appears by a fine levied by the said Sir Robert de Clifton, (who married Emme, daughter of Sir William Moton, Knt.) that he had married his eldest son Gervase, to Margaret, the daughter of Robert de Pierpoint, as appears by the inquisition taken after his death, being both then very young, and in the custody of John de Shirewode. Nor did Sir Robert de Clifton live long after, for we find him dead anno 1 Edward III. and his son Gervase, then fourteen years of age, and married to Margaret, the daughter of Robert de Pierpoint.

Gervase de Clifton, (the son of Sir Robert) anno 10 Edward III. had liberty of free warren granted to him in all his demesne lands of Broughton, Sulney, &c. in com. Not. I find him a knight anno 18 Edward III. for then there was a fine levied between Gervase de Clifton, chevalier, plaintiff; and Rob. de Vaus, and

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Amflicia

(a) Vide Thoroton's Nott. p. 54.

(b) Fuller's Worthies in Derbyshire.

(c) Fuller in Yorkshire.

(d) Thoroton's Nott. p. 54.

Amflicia his wife, defendants: By which the said Robert, and his wife, granted to the said Gervase and his heirs, two parts of the manor of Normanton upon Sore, for the yearly rent of 16l. sterling. He was high sheriff of the counties of Nottingham and Derby, anno 19 Edward III. (a) and the next year escheator of the same counties. In the 19th year of that king it appears, that Robert de Clifton his son and heir, was married; the said Gervase de Clifton, Knt. assuring then, by fine, the manor of Broughton, with the advowson of the church of Broughton, upon his son Robert de Clifton, and Isabel his wife, and their heirs. Anno 22 Edward III. he, with John de Vaus, were Knights of the Shire for Nottingham, in the parliament held at Westminster, and had their wages allowed.

To this Sir Gervase Clifton, King Edward III. in the 51st year of his reign, grants liberty, calling him his beloved and faithful Gervase de Clifton, chevalier, that during his life he be put upon no assizes or juries, and recognizances whatsoever, neither be mayor, sheriff, escheator, coroner, or any bailiff, or servant of the crown, and its heirs, against his will. Dated at Sheen, 5 July.

The word (mayor) might be purposely inserted, because formerly he had been mayor of Canterbury.—The last mention of him, is in a deed dated 3 R. II. whereby he grants a cress to Richard de Bevercotes of Bevercotes, in com. Not. a knightly family of great antiquity. This grant is sealed with his seal of arms, viz. the *Cinquefoils and Lion rampant*, and circumscribed thus, *Sigill. Gervaf. Clifton Mil.*

'Tis farther observed, that the last named Sir Gervase Clifton had license from the king, anno 22 Edward III. to alien in mortmain eleven messuages, five virgats, and one bovat of land, and three sol-rents in Stanton on the Wolds and Clifton, with the advowson of the church of Stanton to three chaplains, to celebrate divine service every day in the church of St. Mary of Clifton, for the health and good estate of him the said Gervase, and Isabel his wife. (b)

After this, I meet with him no more, nor is it likely he lived many years longer, he being then about sixty-eight years of age, manifest from his being fourteen years old at his father's death, anno 1 Edward III. Neither find I any thing of his son Robert, who possibly might die before him; only it is supposed, that the aforementioned Isabel, (wife of this Robert de Clifton) was the daughter of — Neville of Rolleston, in com. Nott. and his first wife; for he married secondly, Agnes, daughter of — De Grey (c): For in Clifton church there is a fair monument of
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(a) Fuller's Worthies. (b) Isabel then must be his second wife, and daughter of Vincent Herbert, alias Finch of Netherfield, in Sussex, Esq; relict of W. Scott of Brabourn, in Kent, Esq; by whom he had two daughters, Joan, married to John Diggs, and Isabel, to John Jerningham; as is evident from an inscription in Brabourn church; Peerage of England, vol. II. p. 174. Tho' Thoroton, p. 54. makes this Isabel to be wife of Sir Gervase, slain at Tewksbury, mention'd postea, p. 40. (c) Thoroton, p. 53, 54.

freestone, raised about a yard from the ground; on the top of which is the effigies of a soldier, with his wife by his side. There is no inscription, only two or three fair escocheons on the side of the monument, whereon is impal'd Clifton with a *fretty coat*, in which is a *Canton per pale*, and a *Ship quarterly*, with a *Saltire Ermine*.

The next is Sir John Clifton, (son and heir of Robert and Agnes Grey) to him King Henry IV. by writ dated the fifth of February, in the first year of his reign, granted an annuity of forty marks yearly, to be received of the sheriff of Nottingham, for his good and faithful service already done, and hereafter to be perform'd; and having, anno 4 Henry IV. serv'd in the parliament held at Westminster, with Sir Richard Stanhope, as knights of the shire for Nottingham, had their wages allowed for sixty-five days. He was that year slain at the battle of Shrewsbury, fighting on the king's side against the Piercies; having, as Hollinshed tells us, received from the king that morning the order of knighthood, which, (if true) must be the dignity of a banneret; for he was a knight before. He brought a great increase of estate into the family, by his wife Catherine, daughter of Sir John de Cresley of Hodsock, in the county of Nottingham, Knt. and sister and coheir of Sir Hugh de Cresley, who died in the 9th year of the same king: The other sister and coheir, Elizabeth, was the wife of Sir John Markham the elder judge: Between which families of Clifton and Markham, the inheritance of Cresley was divided, namely, Haddefoke, with the Soke, viz. Haddefoke, Holme, Woodhouse, Oulecotes, Harmelton, Filixthorp, Stirape, Letwel, and Eildingwells, to Clifton, for their purparty; and the manors of Braytoft, Risegate, Claypole, &c. in Lincolnshire, to Markham for his share. After her husband's death she married Ralph Makarell.

This Sir John Clifton's son and heir was Sir Gervase Clifton, (a) as appears from a grave-stone in Clifton church, which has in the north isle, this inscription;

Hic jacet Isabella, filia Rob. Fraunceis de Formarke militis, uxor Gervasii Clifton militis, filii Dom. Johannis Clifton militis, cujus anima propicietur Deus, quæ obiit 13 Junii, 1457 (b).

Upon the stone are impal'd the arms of Clifton, viz. *Semi de Cinquefoils*, a *Lion rampant*, with Franceys of Formarke, viz. a *Chevron*, between three *Eagles display'd*.

The next is Sir Gervase Clifton, but whether son or brother to the last, is not clear, for the records here are intricate. 23

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(a) Dr. Thoroton, p. 53. makes Sir Gervase, who married Isabella, daughter of Sir Robert Franceis, Knt. to be son of Sir John. Though, p. 54. he says, Here was a notable Sir Gervase Clifton of this family, who sometimes hath been thought to be the son of this Sir John; but whether he was brother or cousin, I can't yet discover. (b) Ibid. p. 57.

Henry VI. Gervase Clifton was lieutenant to Humphrey duke of Gloucester, constable of Dover castle. 27 Henry VI. the king grants to John, cardinal-priest of St. Balbin, and Gervase Clifton, Esq; the custody of all the lands late William Horsey's, deceas'd. Anno 18 and 29 Henry VI. he was sheriff of Kent. (a) In the 30th H. VI. the king granted to him and John Scott, Esq; the custody of two parts of the manors of Skirbecke, Wekes, and Frampton, for twelve years; and the same year, to him the said Gervase Clifton, Esq; the custody of all the temporals of the archbishoprick of Canterbury. In the same 30th, I find him to be treasurer of the town of Calais, which office was given him (in recompence of his good service) 24 May, 29th of that king, upon the resignation of Sir Richard Vernon, his predecessor in that office, he having deliver'd up his letters patent to be cancell'd. In the 36th year of the same king, I find a protection granted by him, (sealed with his seal of arms, and circumscrib'd *Sigill. Gervas. Clifton, militis, thesaurarii villæ de Cales*) to Richard Kingesmelle, of Crowley in the county of Suffex, yeoman, who was to attend him for the safe keeping, defence, and victualling of that garrison. In the 37th year of that reign, he was again high sheriff of Kent; and it appears, that he had been treasurer of the king's household; for there is a warrant in an uncertain year of that king, directed to the keeper of the privy-seal, commanding him to direct his letters to the chamberlains of the exchequer, to pay to certain persons the sum of 460l. due to them whilst Sir Gervase Clifton, Knt. stood treasurer of the household. In the 5th of Edward IV. he, with Maud his wife, daughter of Sir Richard Stanhope, relict of Robert lord Willughby of Eresby, and also of Sir Thomas Nevil, and neice and coheir of Ralph lord Cromwell, granted to Anthony Widevile lord Scales, divers manors in the counties of Lincoln, Nottingham, Derby, and Warwick, which were lately the inheritance of Ralph lord Cromwell. And the chronicles tell us, that Richard duke of York, in the 18th of Henry VI. made Sir Gervase Clifton captain of Pontoise, near Paris, (having been a commander at several places in France) when the French King besieg'd and took the town by assault, but lost above 3000 men before it. And that in the 11th of Edward IV. 1471, the Monday after the battle of Tewksbury, Sir Gervase Clifton (who was then taken prisoner) was beheaded in the market-place there, together with Edmund duke of Somerset, and others.

This most active and signal gentleman is believed by some of the family, to be their immediate ancestor.

It is plain there was a Sir Gervase Clifton of Clifton, temp. Henry VI. and that Robert Clifton was his son and heir, who was

(a) Philpot's Villare Cantuariæ, p. 26. He also makes this Sir Gervase, to marry Isabel, relict of W. Scott of Brabourn, Esq;

was high sheriff of Nottingham and Derby, anno 29 and 38 Henry VI. And after, in the 7th of Edward IV. Robert Clifton, Knt. (a) is mentioned then as late sheriff of Nottingham and Derby. To this Sir Robert Clifton, and Gervase Clifton, his son and heir, King Edward IV. in the 16th year of his reign, granted license to found a college in the chapel of the Trinity, within the parish church of St. Mary of Clifton, to the honour of God and the blessed Virgin, *pro uno custode & duobus capellanis*, to celebrate divine service every day for the good estate of the said king, and Elizabeth his queen, whilst they lived, and for their souls after their decease; and for the good estate of the said Sir Robert Clifton, and Gervase, &c. and for the soul of William Booth, late archbishop of York, and for the souls of dame Alice Clifton, late wife of the said Robert, and of Seth Worsley, Esq; &c. dated at Nottingham-castle, 22 July. This Alice, wife of the said Sir Robert, was daughter of John Booth of Barton, in com. Lanc. Esq; and sister of William, the archbishop, as appears by the following inscription upon her monument in Clifton church.

Hic jacet Dom. Alicia Clifton, filia Johannis Bothe Armig. soror bonæ memoriæ Dom. Will. Bothe quond. Ebor. Archiep. & uxor Dom. Rob. Clifton mil. Quæ obiit 9 die Septemb. Anno Dom. 1470, cujus, &c.

Sir Robert Clifton died 9 April 1478, 18 Edward IV. seized (as appears by the office found after his decease) of the manor of Clifton, Wilford, (with the advowsons of those churches) and Haddefoke with the Soke, leaving Gervase Clifton his son and heir, above forty years of age; and that he had another son Robert Clifton, who was archdeacon of the East-Riding, in com. Ebor. Sir Robert, began to found the said college of the holy Trinity at Clifton, but died before he had accomplished his design, yet his son Sir Gervase, religiously performed it. He lies buried at Clifton, with this inscription upon his grave-stone:

Orate pro anima Rob. Clyfton militis, fundatoris trium Capellanorum Collegii in hac Ecclesia, qui obiit nono die mensis Aprilis, Anno Dom. 1478, cujus animæ propitiatur Deus, Amen. (b)

Gervase Clifton, his son and heir, was high sheriff of Nottingham and Derby, 11 and 17 E. IV. And the same king having made him [his trusty and well-beloved 'squire Gervase Clifton,] receiver-general of all his lordships in the counties of Nottingham and Derby, by several letters patent; and steward of his manors and lordships of Gedling, Shelford, and Stoke-Bardolfe; and

(a) Le Neve, makes Sir Robert Clifton, Knt. to be son and heir of Sir Gervase, by Isabella, daughter of Sir Robert Frauncis, Knt. which is also agreeable to the pedigree in Thoroton's Nott. p. 53. (b) Thoroton's Nott. p. 57.

and surveyor of his works and reparations in his castle of Nottingham, and of his repairs in his lodges of Beskwood-park and Clifton; assigns certain persons, in the 20th year of his reign, to take up his accounts. 22 Edward IV. that king ordains the said Gervase, sheriff of the counties of Nottingham and Derby, and assigns him 100*l.* out of the exchequer, for the better sustaining of his charge in that office. Anno 1 Richard III. he was made one of the knights of the Bath at the coronation. And the same king, in the same year, grants to him and his heirs males by letters patent, for his singular and faithful service done heretofore, not only in favouring his right and title, &c. the manor or lordship of Ratcliffe upon Sore, with lands in Kinston, in the county of Nottingham, and lands in Kegworth in the county of Leicester, being the forfeitures of Henry Stafford, duke of Buckingham; and the manor or lordship of Overton Longvile, in the county of Huntingdon, with the advowson of that church, late the inheritance and forfeiture of Sir Richard Tocotes of Bromeham, Knt. and the manor or lordship of Dalbury, and Dalbury-Lees, with the advowson of that church, and other lands in Etwall and Wirkesworth, in com. Derb. the inheritance before of Henry, late duke of Exon, to hold of that king by knight's service, &c.

Sir John Beaumont (in his poem of Bosworth-Field) saith, he was slain there, fighting on Richard's side, against the earl of Richmond, (after King Henry VII.) and that Biron, (being his friend, but of the other party) procured the conqueror to restore his lands to his son. But 'tis plain he was not slain there, and probably did not serve there; or if he did, it was on the other side, repenting that he had adher'd to the usurper; for not long after the beginning of King Henry VIIIth's reign, we find him not only entrusted, but rewarded by him, being in his third year made sheriff of the counties of Nottingham and Derby; and the same year having granted him the custody of the manors of Carleton in Lindrike, and Kinston in Carleton, being then in the king's hands, by reason of the minority of George, lord Fitz-Hugh; and that he married first, Alice, daughter of Thomas Nevil of Rolleston, Esq; relict of Richard Thurland; secondly, Agnes, daughter of Sir Robert Constable of Flamborough in Yorkshire, Knt. relict of Sir Walter Griffith, Knt. and died in the sixth year of the same king, in the house of the Fryers Predicants in London, and was buried in Clifton church, as appears from this following inscription upon a flat marble there:

Orate pro Anima Gervasii Clifton, Militis, Filii & Heredis Roberti Clifton, Militis, Fundatoris Collegii de Clifton, finiti & stabiliti per Dominum Gervasium, qui obiit in domo Fratrum Prædicatorum apud Lon-

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don, 12^o Die Maii, Anno 1491, cujus Corpus abinde per Agnetem Filiam Roberti Conitabile de Flamburgh, Militis, secundam Uxorem ejusdem Gervasii, & alias ejus Executores, juxta voluntatem suam, istuc honorificè & decenter conductum fuit, & sub hoc Lapide marmoreo hic humatum; cujus animæ propitiatur Deus.—Pro cujus quidem Agnetis prosperitate dum vixerit, & pro cujus animâ cum ab hac luce migraverit, speciales ordinantur Memoriz & Orationes per Gardianum & Capellanos Collegii prædicti, juxta Compositionem & Statuta inde ordinata, perpetuis futuris Temporibus devotè fienda. (a)

There is a very good tomb of alabaster for this man's first wife, with her figure upon it, in Clifton church, and the arms of Clifton and Nevil of Rolleston on the side, and at the head of it another, either for this man, or his son, without inscription or arms, saving that upon his breast is a lion rampant (b).

The inquisition, after his death, taken at Blithe, the 30th of October, anno 7 Henry VII. says, that he died the 12th day of May last past, (which was in the sixth year of that king) and Robert Clifton, clerk, was his son and heir, and above thirty years old at the death of his father.

Of this Robert Clifton, I hear no more, but upon tradition, that being piously devoted, he became a secular priest, died unmarried, and gave his temporal estate to his younger brother Gervase Clifton, afterwards knighted; for he was made knight of the Bath by King Henry VII. in the tenth year of his reign, at the time he created his second son, Henry, duke of York. He married first, Agnes, daughter of Sir Walter Griffith abovementioned; secondly, Joan, daughter of John Busly, widow of Sir Nicholas Byron, Knt. (c) by the last he had no issue. In the fourteenth year of that king, Robert Wield, gave to Sir Gervase Clifton, Knt. and John de St. Andrew, Esq; all his lands in Bovington, *juxta Sutton*; and in the 17th of Henry VII. he was made sheriff of the counties of Nottingham and Derby: He died June 5, 23 Henry VII. It appears by the inquisition taken after his son's death, in the 9th of King Henry VIII. that Robert Clifton, was his son and heir; and that he had a younger son, Hugh Clifton, and tho' not mentioned in the inquisition, he had another son, Gervase Clifton, who was of the Customhouse at the port of London, and was father of Sir Gervase Clifton, summoned to parliament as a baron of the realm, the 6th of James I. by the title of lord Clifton of Leighton-Bromswold, which title is now enjoy'd by the right honourable the earl of Darnley (d).

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(a) Thoroton, p. 57. (b) *Ib'd.* Nott. p. 58. (c) *Ib'd.* p. 53. (d) Peerage of England, by Arthur Collins, Esq; vol. IV. p. 199.

His eldest son, Robert, married first, Alice, daughter of Simon Digby, Esq; lieutenant of the tower of London, by whom he had no issue; and by his second wife he added the greatest lustre to his family: For he married Agnes, daughter to Henry lord Clifford, and sister to Henry, the first earl of Cumberland, who, thro' the lines of Clifford, Percy, and Mortimer, was lineally descended from Lionel Plantagenet, duke of Clarence, third son of that victorious monarch King Edward III. She was married after his death, to Robert Melford—This Robert Clifton, died a young man, the 3d of September, the 9th of Henry VIII. leaving Gervase Clifton his son and heir, not two years old, as appears by the inquisition taken at Nottingham.

Which Gervase Clifton, was of full age, and sued out his livery in the 28th year of Henry VIII. In the 33d year of that reign, the king grants to his servant, Sir Gervase Clifton, Knt, for the sum of 65 l. 5 s. his manor of Armyn in the county of York, late belonging to the dissolv'd monastery of the virgin Mary in York, to him, his heirs and assigns for ever. Anno 34, the same king grants him the ward and marriage of Gervase Boswell; and anno 38 Henry VIII. the ward and marriage of Thomas Fairfax. These were his rewards for his court service: As to his civil employments, he was justice of the peace, and Quorum, the most part of his long life; and I find him sheriff of Nottingham and Derby in the last year of Henry VIII. (a) and again, the first of the reign of Queen Mary; and after, of Nottingham alone, in the 13th of Q. Elizabeth. He had likewise several military employments; for he serv'd under King Henry VIII. at the siege of Bulloigne, and was knighted, says Hollinshed in his chronicles, at Muscledburgh, by the duke of Somerset, in the reign of King Edward VI. It is likely he was there, but 'tis manifest he was knighted in the days of King Henry VIII. Anno 2 Eliz. A. D. 1560, he serv'd at the siege of Leith in Scotland, under the lord Grey; and upon notice of the peace concluded, Sir Gervase Clifton, was sent into the trenches, on the west side of Leith, to command the soldiers to forbear hostility; and the next day (the 7th of June) he was sent into the town, with Sir Francis Leke, to cause the peace to be proclaimed, where he was feasted by Monsieur Doyfel, the governor.

He was a person of great authority both in peace and war, yet notwithstanding this martial inclination, he was a gentleman of so courteous and affable a disposition, that he was usually stil'd, and is remembered to this day, by the name of Sir Gervase, the gentle, which character, they say, Queen Elizabeth gave him, if this distich was hers, (which tradition affirms) of four of her Nottinghamshire knights.

Gervase

(a) Fuller's Worthies in Derbyshire.

*Gervase the gentle, Stanhop the stout,
Marcham the lion, and Sutton the lout.*

He was twice married, first to Mary, daughter to Sir John Nevile of Cheet, in com. Ebor. Knt. by whom he had five children, viz. Elizabeth, the first wife of Sir Peter Frecheville of Staveley, in Derbyshire, Knt. Frances, Robert, Gervase, and Anthony, which four last died young unmarried: Their names and statues are all on the right side of his tomb, in Clifton church. The second wife of Sir Gervase, was Winifred, daughter and heir to William Thwaites of Owlton, in the county of Suffolk, Esq; relict of Sir George Pierpoint of Holme, Knt. by whom he had George his son and heir (*a*), who married Winifred, daughter of Sir Anthony Thorold of Marston in Lincolnshire, Knt. (by Anne his wife, daughter and coheir of Sir John Constable of Kinalton, Knt.) and died in the life-time of his father, August 1, 1587, leaving his wife with child of Sir Gervase Clifton, Bart. being at the time of his death but 20 years and 7 months old, as appears by the following inscription upon his monument, in the north aisle of Clifton church:

Here lieth George Clyfton, Esq; who was Son and Heir apparent of Sir Gervis Clifton of Clifton, Knight, and Dame Winifride his Wife, who married Winifride, the Daughter of Sir Anthony Thorold, and Dame Anne his Wife, one of the Daughters and Heirs of Sir John Constable of Kynalton, Knight; which George, had Issue by his said wife, Gervais Clifton, and died at Clifton the first (or fifth) of Aug. 1587, and was of the age of 20 Years and 7 Months.

This Stone covereth the Body of Dame Anne Thorold, Daughter of Sir John Constable of Kinalton, Knight, and Heir to her Mother, who was Daughter and Coheir to — Sothell, Esquire, and Widow of Sir Anthony Thorold of Marston, in the County of Lincoln, Knight, the most loving and careful Grandmother of Sir Gervas Clifton, Knight and Baronet, who laid the same for her Piety and exemplary Vertues, worthy to be had in perpetual Remembrance, died here, Aug. 1611. (*b*)

His lady surviving him, married first Henry Kervile of Wigenhale, in Norfolk, Esq; and secondly, Sir Edward Gawfell of Watlington, in Norfolk, Knt.

Sir Gervase Clifton, his father, died in the same year 1587, on the 20th of January, and lies buried under a stately monument in Clifton church, which bears this inscription;

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(*a*) The descent from this George, to Sir Clifford Clifton, Knt. is from a pedigree in the hand-writing of Sir William Dugdale, in the possession of T. Wotton. (*b*) Thoroton's Notting. p. 60.

* Here lyeth the Bodies of Sir Gervis Clifton of
 * Clifton, in the County of Nottingham, Knt. and
 * Dame Mary his first Wife, Daughter of Sir John Ne-
 * vile of Cheete, in the County of York, Knt. And
 * of Dame Winifride his second Wife, the Daughter
 * and Heir of William Thwaites of Owlton, in the
 * County of Suffolk, Esq; which Dame Mary de-
 * ceased the 10th of April, Anno 1564. And the
 * said Sir Gervase deceased the 20th Day of January,
 * Anno 1587. And the said Dame Winifride de-
 * ceased—

The said Sir Gervase, at the time of his death, left his grand-son and heir, but four months and eleven days old, as we may see by the office found for him. Which Sir Gervase Clifton, the grandson, was made knight of the Bath, at the coronation of King James I. and afterwards advanced to the dignity of a baronet. He was a gentleman every way worthy of his ancient extraction and deserving ancestors, having lived with as much lustre and love in his country, as any in his time. He was certainly more gentle than his grandfather, being generally the most noted person of his time for courtesy; he was very prosperous, and beloved of all. He generously, hospitably, and charitably entertained all, from the king to the poorest beggar; his port and hospitality exceeded many of the nobility; he was almost fourscore years lord of Clifton, and a most extraordinary kind landlord and good master (a): Of a disposition most noble; of good erudition; and throughout the long and unnatural rebellion, temp. Car. I. of a most unshaken and unswerving loyalty to his lawful sovereign; and paid 7625 l. for composition of his estate to the sequestrators, (b). He serv'd in eight parliaments, (c) he was Knight of the shire, temp. Jac. I. and Car. II. and serv'd for Retford, temp. Car. I. and was commissioner at Oxford and Newark, for King Charles I. and for one thing he was more remarkable, (having in that gone beyond any of our nation, as yet heard of;) he had six wives, and married a seventh when he was near seventy years old. His first lady was Penelope, daughter to Robert Rich, earl of Warwick, she died 26 October 1613, aged twenty-three: He had by her Sir Gervase, his eldest son and successor. By his second lady Frances, daughter of Francis Clifford, earl of Cumberland, he had issue Sir Clifford Clifton, and four daughters; Margaret, married first to Sir John South of Kelftern, in Lincolnshire, Knt. secondly to William Whichcote of Dunston in Lincolnshire, Esq; thirdly, to Robert, lord Hunston. Frances, was wife, first, of Richard Tempest of Bracewell in Yorkshire, Esq; and secondly to Anthony Eyre of Rampton,

(a) Thoroton's Nott. p. 55.
 estates in letter C.

(b) See the list of those that compounded for their
 (c) Thoroton, p. 55.

Rampton, in Nottinghamshire, Esq; Anne, to Sir Francis Rodes of Barbro in Derbyshire, Bart. and Lettice, to Clifton Rodes, Esq; brother to Sir Francis; this lady died November 22, 1627, aged thirty-three years. The third was Mary, daughter of John Egiock of Egiock, in com. Wigorn, Esq; widow of Sir Francis Leke of Sutton, in com. Derb. Knt. by her he had no issue, she died January 19, 1630. In the chancel, by the side of the vault in Clifton church, is the following inscription for these three ladies;

Memoriæ conservandæ causa

Dilectissimarum sibi Conjugum,

*Penelopes filiæ Roberti Comitis Warwicensis &
Penelopes Uxoris ejus, Fæminæ tum corporis tum
animi egregia pulchritudine conspicua. Quæ cum
convixisset marito annos 5. peperissetq; ei unicum
filium*

Gervasium, mortua est, & hic conditur.

Obiit 26 die Octobris, anno Salutis MDCXIII.

Ætatis suæ 23.

Franciscæ Francisco & Grisilda Comite & Comitissa

Cumbriæ genitæ, Nobilissimæ, Prudentissimæ,

Pientissimæ Fæminæ, quæ relicta prole

Margareta, Francisca, Anna, Cliffordo & Lætitiâ,

Migravit ex hac vita 22 die Novembris, An. Dom.

1627. Ætatis suæ 33. & eodem conditur.

Mariæ filiæ Johannis Egiokæ de Egiokæ in Comitatu

Wigornæ Armigeri, & Annæ Uxoris ejus,

Francisci Leeke de Sutton in Agro Derbiensi,

Equitis Aurati Viduæ, Læstissimæ Fæminæ, ætatis

in Senectutem inclinatæ, Animi in Mariti Liberos

Materni, mortua est 19 die Januarii, An. Dom.

1630, & sepulta in Templo Divi Egidii Lond.

Illis quidem Monumentum,

Sibi verò est Meditamentum.

Inter Sepulchra majorum suorum qui per Annos

plus quàm sexcentos Equestri dignitate villam

hanc incoluerunt, posuit Gervasius de Clifton,

Eques Auratus, & Baronettus.

Expecta tot terra meis majoribus orta

Tandem me ejusdem hinc ordinis atq; loci,

Et similem, quod si quisquam concedere nolit,

Muneris ecce tui est ut similem facias. (a)

His fourth lady was Isabel, daughter of — Meek of Wolverhampton, Esq; relict of John Hodges, Esq; alderman of London; she died also without issue, and was buried at Clifton, (as were also his two first ladies) July 10, 1637. The fifth was Anne, daughter of Sir Francis South of Kellterne, in Lincolnshire,

(a) Thoroton's Nott. p. 61.

shire, Knt. buried at Clifton, (having no issue) 1 June, 1639. The sixth was Jane, daughter of Anthony Eyre of Rampton, Esq; (by whom he was father of Robert Clifton, who married Sarah, daughter of Nathaniel Parkhurst of Woodford, in Essex, Esq; Charles, who died unmarried; Jane, wife of Christopher Pack of Coates, in com. Leic. Esq; Elizabeth and Mary who died young) she died at London, and was buried at Clifton, the 17th of March, 1655. The seventh wife of Sir Gervase, was Alice, daughter of Henry, earl of Huntingdon, by whom he had no issue: She survived her husband, but died the same year, and was buried in St. Giles's church, London, (1666,) as was his third lady.

Dr. Thoroton, in his antiquities of Nottinghamshire (*a*), says, ' This Sir Gervase was of a sound body, and a chearful and facetious spirit, yet in his latter time timorous, so that his last part was miracle enough to convert an atheist, to see his christianity so far prevail over his nature, that without the least shadow of fear, unwearied with grief or sickness, he left the choicest things of this world with as great pleasure as others enjoy them. He received from me the certain notice of his near approaching death, as he was wont to do an invitation of good friends to his own bowling-green (one of the most pleasant imaginable) and thereupon immediately called for his old chaplain Mr. Robert Thirleby, to do the office of his confessor, as if it had been to attend him to that recreation he often used and lov'd, and when he had done with him, for his children, whom patriarch like he particularly blessed and admonished, with the smartness and ingenuity of an excellent and well studied orator. The day following he received visits from divers friends, sitting in the old dining-room near his bedchamber, who were not so sensible of his danger, because he entertain'd them after his usual manner; yet that night (as I easily foretold him) his sleepiness began, which could never be taken away, by reason that both his ureters were so petrified (as things are by the dropping-well near Knaresburgh in Yorkshire) that no urine could descend into his bladder, as at the opening of his body did manifestly appear, as also that one of his kidneys had of long time before been totally stopped with a wonderful great stone, as is reported of the pious and learned Dr. Hammond, whose hair was also red, like that of this worthy Sir Gervase, who died June 28, 1666, and was buried the second of August following with great solemnity; Mr. Dugdale Norroy, Mr. Ashmole Windsor, and Mr. Ryley Lancaster, Heralds; the choir of Southwell, and many mourners attending his funeral.'

In the chancel of Clifton, by the side of the vault, is a noble mausoleum for those of his ladies buried at Clifton; and a very curious

curious monument is erected to his memory over the door into the vault, containing, *A Busto of himself in his own Hair, within seven Escutcheons Baron and Femme, set circular between two Pillars, with Entabliture and open Pediment, with an Acroster of the Arms and Quarterings, mantled and crested; at the bottom is this inscription (a);*

Hic intus cum Patribus & Uxoribus suis dormit Generosissimus Dominus Gervasius Clifton, Miles, & (primæ creationis Sc. 9. Jac.) Baronettus, qui de Patriâ & tribus Regibus in octo Parliamentis bene meruit, nec non de Carolo primo durante bello Commissionarius in præfidiis Oxonio & Newarkæ, quem antea cum Maria Regina in manerio de Clifton festivè refecerat. Septem Uxores duxit, quarum tres juxta memorantur, viz. Penelope, filia Roberti, Comitis Warwic. 2. Domina Francisca, filia Francisci, Comitis Cumbr. 3. Maria, filia Joh. Egiøke, Armig. Relicta Fran. Leeke, Militis. 4. Isabella, Vidua Johannis Hodges, Alderm. London. hic sepulta, Jul. 10. 1637. 5. Anna, filia Francisci South, Militis, hic etiam condita, Jun. 1. 1639. 6. Jana, filia Anthonii Eyre de Rampton, Ar. Mater Roberti Clifton. Janæ & Caroli Clifton, obiit Londini huc translata, Mar. 17, 1655. 7. Domina Alicia, filia Henrici, Comitis Huntington, Marito superfuit, sed eodem anno 1666 in Ecclesiâ S. Egidii, London. inhumata. Ipse lætus felicem obivit mortem, Jun. 28, & Pompâ decorâ hic repositus fuit, Aug. 2 1666, anno Ætatis suæ 80. Hunc secutus est filius ejus Dominus Cliffordus Clifton, Miles, Jun. 22, 1669. Vir Franciscæ, filiæ Domini Henneagii Finch, Militis, & Pater Wilielmi Clifton, Katherinæ, & Arabellæ.

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Gervasius Holland Servus & Cognatus
Posuit.

He was succeeded in the dignity and estate, by his eldest son by his first lady.

Sir Gervase Clifton, Bart. who married Sarah, daughter of Timothy Pusey of Selston, in Nottinghamshire, Esq; of the ancient family of the Puseys, in com. Bucks; she died Jan. 22, 1652, and upon a coffin in the Clifton's vault, is this inscription for her (b);

Sarah Uxor Gervasii Clifton, Armigeri, filii natu maximi Gervasii Clifton de Clifton, in Comitatu Nott. Equitis & Baronetti. Filia Timothei Pusey nuper de Cellston Armig. ab antiqua Puseanorum familia in Com. Bercheriensis oriundi, diem obiit, Jan. 22, An. Dom. 1652.

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Dignissima

(a) Thorton's Nott. p. 62.

(b) Ibid.

Dignissima hoc Epitaphio.

Virtutis jacet hic Monumentum vivida quondam

Vivendi, Mortis nunc jacet Archetypa.

Hospes pauperibus; rapido sic casta Marito,

Penelope ut merito victa pudere queat. 1652.

and he dying without issue, the 14th of January, 1675, was succeeded by his nephew,

Sir William Clifton, Bart. only surviving son of Sir Clifford Clifton, Knt. and Frances his wife, daughter of Sir Heneage Finch, Knt. recorder of London; which Sir Clifford, was the only son of Sir Gervase, by his second marriage; this Sir William, died unmarried; leaving two sisters, his coheirs; Catherine, married to Sir John Parsons, Bart. (mother of the present Sir William,) and Arabella, married to Sir Francis Wheeler, Knt. one of the admirals under King William, who was unfortunately cast away near Cadiz. He was succeeded in title and estate by his cousin, Sir Gervase Clifton, Bart. eldest son of Robert Clifton, Esq; another son of Sir Gervase, by his sixth wife;

Which Sir Gervase, married Anne, daughter of Dudley Bagnall, of Newry in Ireland, Esq; [which family is now the only remaining branch of those two famous brothers, Sir Samuel, and Sir Henry Bagnall, who were sent into Ireland by Queen Elizabeth, the first with the title of Marshal of that kingdom, and the latter distinguished himself very eminently at the taking of Cadiz, where he received eight wounds, and covered with blood, was then knighted] by whom he had fifteen sons, and one daughter; ten of the sons died unmarried, these that follow are now living: 1. Sir Robert, his successor. 2. William, who married Mrs. Wharton, by whom he hath no issue. 3. Alfred, first an officer in the French service, now in the Russian. 4. Dudley, who has embraced a religious life. 5. George, who married Anne, only daughter and heir of Robert Sacheverell, of Barton in Nottinghamshire, Esq; by whom he has two daughters; Jane, only daughter of Sir Gervase, is a nun of the order of St. Clare, at Graveline. Sir Gervase died, March 1731, and his lady surviving him, married William Blackburne, of Ongar, in Essex, Esq;

Sir Robert Clifton his eldest son, succeeded his father in title and estate, and is the present baronet. He married the lady Frances, daughter of the right honourable Nanfan Coot, earl of Bellamont, of the kingdom of Ireland, (by lady Frances his wife, youngest daughter of the right honourable Henry de Nassau, earl of Grantham) she died leaving him only one daughter, Frances. He had the honour, in the year 1725, to be made one of the knights of the honourable order of the Bath; and was elected in the

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the two last parliaments, one of the representatives for East-Retford, in Nottinghamshire: he married secondly, in June, 1740, —, eldest daughter and coheir of the late Sir Thomas Lombe, Knt. alderman of London, by whom he hathas yet no issue.

ARMS: Sable, Seme of Cinquefoils, and a Lion rampant, Argent.

CREST: Out of a Ducal Coronet, a Demi Peacock, per Pale; Argent and Sable, his Wings expanded, Counter-changed.

MOTTO: *Tenez le Droit.*

SEAT: At *Clifton*, near *Nottingham*.

5. GERARD, of Bryn, Lancashire.

(Sir THOMAS, KNIGHT,)

Created BARONET, May 22, 1611.

AS it was the custom in ancient times, for persons to assume surnames from their possessions, offices, &c. so did they likewise frequently vary the same in after-ages. Hence it is we often meet with several families of different appellation, descended from one common ancestor, as will, among others, evidently appear in the following account.

Walter Fitzother, at the time of the general survey by William, the conqueror, was castellan of Windfor, warden of the forests in Berkshire, and possessed several lordships in the counties of Middlesex, Hants, and Bucks; (a) that Dominus Otherus, is said to have held in the time of Edward, the confessor.

William, the eldest son of that Walter, took the surname of Windfor, from his father's office, and was ancestor to the lords Windfor (b), whose heir is the present earl of Plymouth; and from Gerald, brother to that William, the Gerards, and many other families, are lineally descended.

The said Gerald, is sometimes surnamed de Windfor, and also Fitz-Walter, (i. e.) son of Walter; the latter, Camden, styles him, mentioning, that King Henry I. gave him Molesford, in com. Berks (c); and that the Carews, as well of England, as Ireland, descended from him. He was castellan of Pembroke, which castle he fortified and defended with great courage against the Welsh; and having slain Owen, son of Cadugan ap Blethyn, chief lord of Cardiganshire, was made president of the county of Pembroke. He had by Nesta, his wife, daughter of Rees, son of Theodore the Great, prince of South-Wales, three sons; William,

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Maurice,

(a) Doomsday, Lib. de. iij. Com. Brit. Com. Berks.

(b) Dagd. Baron, vol. I. and II.

(c) Camd.

Maurice, and David; the latter was bishop of St. Davids, A. D. 1148, and died 1176; of whom Giraldus Cambrensis, hath written.

Maurice Fitz-Gerald, the second son, was one of the adventurers with Richard Strongbow, earl of Pembroke, in the conquest of Ireland, 1170; as he had been with Robert Fitz-Stephen, when he landed two years before and took Weishford; and here was the first colony of the English, settled in Ireland (*a*); and by their valour open'd a way for subjecting that dominion to the crown of England: the said Maurice, settling there, became the ancestor to several great and noble families which flourished in that kingdom, particularly to the earls of Kildare, premier earls of that realm.

William Fitz-Gerald, eldest son of Gerald, was possessed of the castle of Kerriu, or Carrio, in Carmarthenshire, the inheritance of his mother; and 12 Henry II. held in England, in com. Bucks, two knights fees (*b*), as also the manor of Sperholt, in com. Berks. He, and Odo, his son, gave the village of Redbard, distant a mile from Carew-castle, to the knights-templers (*c*), and died 1173; he left issue, 1. Odo, who had the said castle of Karriu, Carrio, or Carew, as now written, from whom the numerous family of the Carews, descend, as we shall farther shew in this work. 2. Raymond Crassius, a principal sharer in the conquest of Ireland, who had a natural son named Maurice, from whom the lords Fitz-Maurice, of Kerry, in Ireland, derive themselves. The other sons of William, were, Silvester, Henry, and William; the latter is the direct ancestor to this family of Gerard, that we are to treat of (*d*). He was justice in Eyre, in com. Cestr. and was father of that William, who married Emme, eldest daughter and coheir to Sir Richard Kingsley, de Kingsley, in com. Cestr. Knt. and of Joan, his wife, daughter and coheir of Alex. de Stanton; whose mother, Annabella, was daughter and heir of Randolph Silvester, 18 Ed. I. The said William Gerard, 16 Ed. I. was one of the jury on the death of Sir Hamon Maffy, of Dunham-Maffy: he left issue two sons, William, and John.

William, the eldest, married Matilda, daughter to Henry de Glasehouse; and did homage to Edward, earl of Chester, afterwards King Ed. II. for his lands in Cheshire, and died at Eaton-hall, 26 Ed. III. He left issue two sons, William, and Thomas Gerard. The said Thomas, had Crewood, and divers lands in Kingsley, Crouton, and Bradley, in the county of Chester, by gift of his father, which were confirmed to him by his brother, 33 Ed. III. From him the Gerards, of Crew, in Cheshire, descended, that ended in an heiress, married to Edward Norris, of Speake, in com. Lanc. Esq;

William,

(*a*) Leic. Ant.
Johann's Hierusal.

(*b*) Lib. rub. in Scac.

(*c*) E Col. Camden ex Regist. Sancti

(*d*) Ex stem. penes Dem. W. Gerard, Bar.

William, the elder brother, was aged thirty years (*a*) at his father's death; and by marriage with the daughter and heir of Peter de Bryn, or Brynhill, in com. Lanc. became possessed of that estate, which he left to his son, Sir Peter Gerard, de Bryn, who died 4 Ric. II. leaving Thomas, his eldest son, heir to the estate at Bryn, of whom hereafter. To Peter, his second son, he left Kingsley; and John, his third son, marrying Helen, only daughter and heir to Richard de Ince, (the intended wife of Thomas, his elder brother, then engaged in the wars against the Scots,) became possessed of that estate; and from them the noble family of the Gerards, barons of Gerards-Bromley, the late earls of Macclesfield, the Gerards, of Flamberds, Bart. and other branches, were descended: tho' the title of baronet, granted to Sir Gilbert Gerard, of Flamberds, in Harrow on the Hill, in Middlesex, April 13, 1620, is extinct. Yet the chief part of that estate went to Mrs. Stapleton, now of Flamberds, (daughter and heir to Sir Charles Gerard, of Flamberds, Bart. who died 1701, by the lady Honora, daughter to Charles, lord Seymour, of Trowbridge, sister to Charles, duke of Somerset,) who was first married to Warwick Lake, of Canons, in Middlesex, Esq; and secondly, to Miles Stapleton, Esq; third son of Sir William Stapleton, of the Leeward Islands, Bart. by the second marriage, she had one son, Miles, and two daughters, Anne, and Frances; but by the first, one son, Lancelot-Charles Lake, of Harrow, Esq; who married Letitia, one of the daughters of the late John Gumley, Esq; commissary-general, sister to Mrs. Pulteney, wife of William Pulteney, Esq. Sir Francis Gerard, Bart. (younger brother, and successor of Sir Charles Gerard, of Flamberds, Bart.) died August, 1704, without issue male, but left two daughters; one married to — Lethuellier, Esq; and Isabella, first married in 1725, to Sir John Fryer, Bart. lord mayor of London, 1720, and who is now the lady of the right honourable the lord viscount Palmerston.

And from a younger son of the Gerards, of Ince, was Sir William Gerard, Knt. descended; who was recorder of Chester, master of the requests, and lord-chancellor of Ireland, &c. temp. Eliz. who lies buried in St. Oswald's church, in Chester (*b*), with the following inscription over him:

Here lyeth the Body of Sir William Gerard, Knight, Lord-Chancellor of Ireland, one of her Majesty's most Honourable Council in the Marches of Wales, Justice of Assize within the Counties of Glamorgan, Brecknock, and Radnor, one of her Majesty's Master of Requite, and late Recorder of this Citty, who deceased the first day of May, A D. 1581, leaving Dame Dorothy, one of the Daughters of Andrew Barton, of Smithells, in the County of Lanc. Esq; and by her, two Sons, and four Daughters.

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(*a*) Mich. 26 Edward III.(*b*) Le Neve's MSS. of the Baronets, vol. I. p. 13.

Thomas Gerard, of Bryn, the eldest son and heir of Sir Peter, before mentioned, was knighted in the Scottish wars, having valiantly behaved himself, and brought considerable succours to that service. 17 Ric. II. being then a knight; he served in parliament for Lancashire (a), and left issue,

Sir Thomas Gerard, Knt. who received a commission from Hen. IV. as duke of Lancaster, to appear at Shrewsbury, with able men, [*Homines defensibiles.*] The said Sir Thomas, left issue a son of his own name, the first of Hen. V. who attended that prince in his glorious wars against France, and John Gerard, to whom a commission of array was sent by the said King. The last Sir Thomas Gerard, Knt. left issue Sir Thomas Gerard, Knt. 13 Hen. VI. who was likewise in the wars against France; of whom Pere Daniel, says, 'Anno 1437, at the siege of Montreau, where the King of France attended in person, the garrison behaved with great valour, having at their head an English knight, named Thomas Guerard (b).' But he dying without issue,

Sir Thomas Gerard, of Kingsley, became his heir, who was great grandson to Peter Gerard, of Kingsley, before mentioned, who was living temp. Hen. IV. and marrying Isabel, daughter to Thomas Strangeways, Esq; had issue, John, who died 10 H. VI. father to Peter, who deceased 4 Hen. VII. father to Sir Thomas Gerard, last named, aged 14 years, anno 18 Hen. VII. (c)

Which Sir Thomas, marrying Dowse, daughter to Sir Thomas Affheton, of Affheton-Underline, in com. Lanc. Knt. had issue by her, Peter, who married Margaret, daughter of Sir William Stanley, of Hooton, Knt. and heir to her mother, Margaret, daughter and heir to Sir John Bromley, of Bromley, in Staffordshire, Knt. but dying before his father, A. D. 1492, 8 Hen. VII. was buried with his ancestors, in their chapel adjoining to the parish church of Winwick, and a monument erected to his memory is yet remaining. The said Peter, left issue, Sir Thomas Gerard, and four daughters, Joan, wife to Richard Dote, of Utlington, in Cheshire; Isabel, married Richard Langton, fil'd baron of Walton, and Newton, in Lancashire; the third daughter, married Will. Ratcliff, of Wimberly; and the fourth, John Southworth, of Samlesbury, Esqrs.

Sir Thomas Gerard, succeeded his grandfather, Sir Thomas, in the estates of Bryn, and Kingsley; he brought considerable succours of his tenants and archers, out of Brindall, to the assistance of Thomas, earl of Surry, against the Scots, who, anno 1513, enter'd Northumberland, whilst King Henry VIII. was busy in his wars in France. At Flodden-field, both armies engaging,
Sir

(a) Pryn's Regist. vol. IV. p. 423.
p. 143. (c) Esch. de lisd. Ann.

(b) Daniel's Hist. de France, 4to. vol. VI.

Sir Thomas, behaved himself with great valour; and to the Lancashire archers, the fame of that great victory is generally own'd, wherein the king of Scotland was slain, and the principal of his nobility and gentry had the same fate, or were taken prisoners.

This Sir Thomas, by Margaret his wife, daughter of Sir Edmund Trafford of Trafford, in com. Lanc. Knt. widow first to — Longford, secondly, to Sir John Port of Etwall in Derbyshire, Knt. had issue by her Thomas, his son and heir, and four daughters, Margaret, wife to Peter Legh, of Lyme, in com. Cestr. Catherine, wife to Thomas Hoghton, of Hoghton-Tower; Elizabeth, wife of Richard Bold, of Bold; and — wife to Richard Affheton, of Middleton, in com. Lanc. Esquires.

Thomas, son and heir of the last Sir Thomas, received also the honour of knighthood; was knight of the shire for Lancashire, eighth and ninth years of Q. Eliz. and one of the principal of the committee of thirty members, to consult with a committee of thirty lords (a), to make suit to her majesty, touching her marriage and declaration of a successor. He married Jane, daughter of Sir Peter Legh, of Lyme, and was high sheriff A. D. 1548. They left issue Katherine, married to William Tarbock, Esq; and Sir Thomas Gerard, Knt. who was high sheriff of Lancashire, 1553 and 1558; and was one of the commissioners for the subsidy, in the year 1553, with Edward, earl of Derby, Sir Richard Molineux, of Seston, Sir Peter Legh, Sir John Holecroft, Sir John Atherton, and Sir William Norris: He married Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Sir John Port of Etwal, in Derbyshire, Knt. (and Elizabeth his wife, daughter and heir to her mother's inheritance, being daughter of Sir Thomas Gifford, of Chillington, in Staffordshire, Knt. and Dorothy his wife, daughter and coheir of Sir John Montgomery, Knt. which Sir John Port, was son of John Port, Esq; and Jane his wife, daughter of John Fitzherbert, of Etwall, in Derbyshire, Esq; and relict of John Pole, of Radburn, in the same county, Esq; (b)) George, earl of Huntingdon, married Dorothy, the second daughter; and Sir Thomas Stanhope, (ancestor to the present earl of Chesterfield) Margaret, the third daughter, coheiresse to the said Sir John Port, who was founder of the hospital of Etwall, and the free-school of Repton in the said county; of which said hospital and school, worth above 500 l. per ann. the said three families are governours, by the last will and testament of the said Sir John Port, and by letters patent granted by King James I. The said Sir Thomas Gerard, was sent to the Tower twice, being accused of a design to deliver the Queen of Scots out of her confinement; and was forced, to procure his own liberty, to give the noble estate of the Bromleys, descended to him by his great grandmother, to his kinsman, then attorney-general, Sir Gilbert Ge-

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(a) Dowe's Journal, p. 126.

(b) Le Neve's MSS. of the Barons, vol. I. p. 11.

ard, afterwards master of the rolls, and to dispose of and mortgage several lordships in Leicestershire, Derbyshire, Cheshire, and Yorkshire, besides Brindall, Scormensdale, and half Kirkby, in Lancashire. The said Sir Thomas Gerard, left issue three daughters; Mary, wife to John Jennison, of Walworth, in Durham, Esq; Dorothy, married to Edmond Peckham, Esq; son of Sir George, and Martha, married to Michael Jennison, Esq; brother to John; also two sons, Sir Thomas Gerard, Knt. and John Gerard, who was several times tortured in the Tower; out of which he made his escape, and was chiefly instrumental in building the college at Liege, where he died in opinion of great sanctity.

Sir Thomas Gerard, Knt. the eldest son, was created a baronet at the first institution of that honour, anno 1611, 9 Jac. I. The 1000l. which he was to have given for it, was returned, in consideration of his father's great sufferings upon the Queen of Scots account, mother to the said king; a grant for perpetuating the sheriffdom of Lancashire in his family, and some other beneficial grants were promised him, but not perform'd; being alledg'd to be against the liberty of the subject.

Sir Thomas Gerard, married three wives; 1. Cecily, daughter of Sir Walter Maney of Staplehurst, in Kent, Knt. 2. Mary, daughter of James Hawes of London, and widow of Sir Robert Lee, of London, Knt. and 3. Mary, daughter of William Dormer, Esq; and Widow of — Browne, Esq; By the two last he had no issue; but by the first, he had Sir Thomas, his successor, and a daughter, Frances, married to Ralph Standish of Standish, in Lancashire, Esq; but died without issue.

Sir Thomas, successor to the title and estate, married in his father's life-time, Frances, daughter of Sir Richard Molineux of Seston, in Lancashire, Bart. and had issue six sons; 1. Sir William, of whom hereafter. 2. Richard. 3. Gilbert. 4. Peter. 5. Thomas, and 6. John: The four last died unmarried. Also a daughter Frances, who took a religious habit at Graveline in Flanders.

Richard Gerard, the second son of Sir Thomas, born in October 1613, at the age of twenty-one, was one of those that went first into Maryland with Mr. Calvert, the lord Baltimore's uncle, lord proprietor thereof, where he continued till the latter end of the year 1635, and then returned for England, where he then continued till the year 1638; at which time he rais'd a company of foot, with which he went into the service of the king of Spain in the Low-Countries, and continued in that service till the breaking out of the civil wars in England; when the then Queen of England, coming over into Holland, to her son-in-law the prince of Orange, to obtain some succours from him, he then quitted the Spanish service, and came to the queen at the Hague, where

her majesty was pleased to order him to raise a regiment of foot-guards, whereof he was to be lieutenant-colonel; and coming over into England with her said majesty, landing at Burlington-Bay, he immediately repaired to the then earl of Newcastle, from whom he received his commission as lieutenant-colonel of the said regiment, dated the 16th of March 1642; and then marching with her majesty to Oxford, in his way was ordered to attack the town of Burton upon Trent, then garrison'd by the parliament; and being joined by a party of horse, under the command of Sir Thomas Tyldesly, the town was attack'd by the horse over the bridge, and by the foot thro' the river, in which he received a shot thro' his thigh, notwithstanding the town was carry'd: After which, he continued his march to Oxford, where a long time he lay ill of his said wound, so that he was not able to take the field again till the second Newbery-battle, where he then commanded the reserve, consisting of the regiment of guards and Hawkins's, and upon the surrender of Oxford, he had the benefit of those articles. Waiting upon his majesty when he was prisoner at Hurst-castle, he was the last person sent by his majesty to his queen, then in France. Upon the happy restoration of King Charles II. in May 1660, the first of January after, he was sworn cup-bearer in ordinary, and waiter to the then queen-mother, in which office he continued till her majesty's death. He departed this life the 5th of September, 1686, at Ince, which estate he had purchased, and lies buried in the parish-church of Wigan, in the chancel belonging to the family. He married two wives; 1. Frances, daughter of Sir Ralph Hansly of Tickhill-castle, in the county of York, Knt. by whom he had a son who died in his infancy. 2. Judith, daughter to Sir Nicholas Steward of Patehall, in the county of Northampton, Knt. by whom he had six sons; Thomas, and Richard, hereafter mentioned; William, Nicholas, John, and Charles, which four last all died unmarried before him; and three daughters, Frances died abbess of Ghaunt in Flanders; Anne, a nun at Liege, and Julima, died in her infancy.

1. Thomas Gerard of Ince, and Aspul, his eldest son, left five daughters, all which are dead, except two, who are now nuns in Brabant, and four sons; (1. Richard, the eldest, is now living at Wigan, in Lancashire, but has no issue: 2. William, deceased without issue: 3. Thomas, and 4. Carryl, who embraced religious lives, and are now living abroad.) 2. Richard Gerard, who left issue one son, Richard, who is father of three children, William, Mary, and Elizabeth.

Sir William Gerard, Bart. who succeeded his father in title and estate, married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Cuthbert Clifton of Lytham, Knt. and just before the unfortunate breaking out of
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the civil wars, he sold Etwall in Derbyshire, the only remaining part of his great grand-mother Elizabeth Port's large and fair estate, for an intended purchase of the whole manor of Newton, in Lancashire; but the sum designed for that end, being 10000*l*. was spent in the king's service; the greatest part of which was given to the marquess of Worcester, and the earl of Derby, for that use; the said Sir William Gerard, was governor of Denbigh castle, one of the last in the kingdom which held out for the king; his estate was sequester'd, which he was forced to purchase from the parliament.

Sir William, had issue four sons, Sir William, his successor, Thomas, who was first a captain, and afterwards took to a religious life; Cuthbert, and John Gerard, who married the heiress of Ince, (the three last died without issue,) and one daughter, Frances, wife to Francis Howard of Corby, in Cumberland, Esq;

Sir William Gerard, Bart. the eldest son, married first, Anne, daughter of Sir John Preston, Bart. by Jane his wife, daughter and coheir of Thomas Morgan, of Weston, in Warwickshire, Esq; and eldest sister of Sir Thomas Preston of the manor in Furness, in Lancashire, Bart. (whose eldest daughter and coheir Mary, married William, marquis of Powis; and Anne, the second daughter, was wife to Hugh, lord Clifford) and by her had issue Sir William Gerard, Thomas, John, and Francis, which three last died without issue; and six daughters, Mary, Elizabeth, Anne, (who married Charles Waterton of Walton, in the county of York, Esq;) Bridget, Frances, and Winifred, who all died unmarried except Anne. The second wife to Sir William Gerard, was Mary, sister of Sir Edward Mostyn, of Talacre, in Flintshire, Bart. and widow of James Pool, of Poole, in Cheshire, Esq; by her he had no issue.

Sir William Gerard, Bart. his eldest son and successor, married Mary, second daughter of John Cansfield, of Cansfield, Esq; and Elizabeth his wife; she (by the death of her elder sister Anne, widow and relict of Richard Sherburn, of Stonyhurst, Esq;) became sole heiress to her father's estate, as also to her mother's, who was daughter to James Anderton, of Birchley, Esq; Her grandfather, Sir John Cansfield, behaved himself with great courage and bravery in the late civil wars; and King Charles I. owns the preservation of his own life, and that of his son the prince of Wales, at the second Newberry battle, in a great measure due to his valour, as appears from a testimonial in Latin, under the hand of that pious king, now in the custody of Sir William Gerard. Sir William, had issue, first, three daughters, Anne, now living, a nun at Graveline; Mary, and Elizabeth, who both died unmarried: and afterwards, three sons, Sir William, his successor; John, now living abroad, unmarried; and Thomas, who died an infant.

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Sir William Gerard, Bart. who succeeded his father in title and estate, married Elizabeth, fourth daughter of Thomas Clifton, of Lytham, in Lancashire, Esq; by whom he left issue, three sons, and one daughter; Sir William his successor, Thomas, Robert, and Mary, who are all living, and in their minority.

Sir William Gerard, the eldest son, the present baronet, is now abroad on his travels.

ARMS: Argent, a Saltire, Gules.

CREST: On a Wreath, a Lion Rampant, Ermine, crown'd,
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MOTTO: *En Dieu est mon Esperance.*

SEATS: At *Garfewood*, four miles from *Wigan*, and at *Bryn*, near the same Place, both in *Lancashire*.

6. SHELLEY of Michelgrove, Suffex.

(JOHN, ESQUIRE.)

Created BARONET, May 22, 1611.

THIS family is undoubtedly of great antiquity, and came out of France, with William the conqueror (a).

Sir Richard Shelley, Knt. was Knight of the shire for Huntington, and allowed thirty-seven marks for his attendance in parliament. temp. Wil. Ruf. (b) several of his descendants had summons to parliament among the barons (c). Sir Thomas Shelley, Knt. was sent ambassador into Spain (d), anno 1205; and Sir William Shelley, was sent ambassador to the Emperor of Germany, temp. Hen VII. and in great esteem with Philip II. King of Spain, who employed him in several embassies to the See of Rome, and Germany. (e)

Of this family, tho' a younger branch (f), was judge Shelley, who was sent by King Henry VIII. to cardinal Woolsey, to demand the surrender of York-Place, near Westminster, (now Whitehall) belonging to the archbishoprick of York, into the king's hands; telling the cardinal, 'That his highness had sent for all the judges, and all his learned council, to know their opinions thereupon; whose opinions were, that your grace must make a recognizance, and before a judge to acknowledge and confess

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(a) Ex Inform. Dom. Jo. Shelley, Bar. (b) Ibid. (c) Ibid. (d) Ibid.
(e) Ibid. (f) Ibid. Tho' several pedigrees make this judge Shelley, to be Sir William Shelley, the immediate ancestor of Sir John; and to marry Alice, daughter of Sir Henry Belknap, hereafter mentioned.

' the right thereof to belong to the king and his successors,
 ' wherefore the king hath appointed and sent me hither to take
 ' of you the same recognizance, having in your grace such af-
 ' fiance, as that ye will not refuse so to do ; and I desire to know
 ' your grace's pleasure therein. Master Shelley, (quoth my lord)
 ' I know that the king of his own nature is of a royal stomach,
 ' not willing more than justice shall lead him unto by the law ;
 ' and therefore I counsel you, and all other judges, and learned
 ' men of his council, to put no more into his head than law that
 ' may stand with conscience ; for when ye tell him this is the
 ' law, ye should tell him also, that altho' this be the law, yet
 ' this is conscience, for law without conscience is not meet to be
 ' given to a king by his council : For every counsellor to a king,
 ' ought to have a respect to conscience, before the rigour of the
 ' law. The king ought, for his royal dignity and prerogative,
 ' to mitigate the rigour of the law, where conscience hath no
 ' more force. Therefore I say to you, that in this case, altho'
 ' you, and other of your profession, perceive by the orders of the
 ' law, that the king may lawfully do that thing which ye require
 ' of me : How say you, Master Shelley, may I do it with con-
 ' science, to give that away which is none of mine, from me and
 ' my successors ? If this be the law and conscience, I pray you,
 ' shew me your opinion. Forsooth, my lord, (quoth he) there is a
 ' great conscience : But having regard to the king's higher power,
 ' and to a better purpose, it may the better stand with conscience,
 ' who is sufficient to recompence the church of York with double
 ' the value. That I know well, but here is no such condition,
 ' (quoth my lord) but only a bare and simple departure with an-
 ' other's right. For if every bishop, that may, should do so,
 ' then might every prelate give away the patrimony of their
 ' dignities, which should be but finally to the king's honour.
 ' Well, I will not stand with you long in this matter, let me
 ' see your commission. To whom M. Shelley shewed the same,
 ' and that seen, Master Shelley, quoth he, ye shall shew the
 ' king's highness, that I am his most faithful subject, obedience,
 ' and beadman, whose royal commandment and request I will
 ' in no wise disobey, but fulfil his pleasure in all such things,
 ' wherein the fathers of the law say, that I may lawfully do,
 ' therefore I charge your conscience to discharge me ; howbeit,
 ' shew his highness from me, that I most humbly desire his ma-
 ' jesty to call to his most gracious remembrance, that there is
 ' both a heaven and hell : And therewithall, the clerk wrote the
 ' recognizance, and after some secret talk, they departed.' (a)

Of this family also, was Sir Thomas Shelley, one of the first
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temp. Eliz. (a) as were also Richard Shelley, and Henry Shelley, who had that remarkable law-suit, reported by judge Coke, 23 Eliz. which the queen hearing of ' (for such was the rareness and difficulty of the case, being of importance, that it was ' generally known) of her gracious disposition to prevent long, ' tedious, and chargeable suits between parties so near in blood, ' which would be the ruin of both, being gentlemen of a good ' and ancient family, directed her gracious letters to Sir Thomas Bromley, Knt. lord-chancellor of England, who was of great ' and profound knowledge and judgment in the law, thereby requiring him to assemble all the justices of England before him, ' and upon conference had between themselves touching the said ' questions, to give their resolutions and judgments thereof; ' and judgment was accordingly given for the defendant (b), ' Henry Shelley.

A descendant of the same lineage, was Sir Richard Shelley, lord prior (c) of St. John of Jerusalem: He was Dominus Natus; therefore when in Spain, refused to be called prior d'Inglaterra, and stiled himself Turcopolier, for the English nation (d); and had his seat in the house of peers: He was living 1561, and was sent ambassador by the king of Spain, to Venice, and Persia (e).

This family removed from Huntingdonshire, near 500 years ago, and have ever since continued at Beckley, and Michelgrove, in Suffex (f).

The first mentioned in their pedigree, is John Shelley (g), who had two sons; 1. John, who gave for arms, Argent, a Fess engrail'd, between three Escallops, Sable. 2. Thomas Shelley, whose daughter and heir Alice, married Sir William Brampton, Knt.

John Shelley, the eldest son, by Margaret his wife, daughter and heir of John Rolph, had three sons, who were all great men in their time, and all of them received the honour of knighthood. 1. Sir John, who for eminent services done on the coast of France, in the beginning of Richard II. altered the family coat to, Sable, a Fess engrail'd, between three Periwinkles, Or. 2. Sir Thomas, who served as Knight of the shire for Bucks, 21 Rich. II. (h) and had 11 l. 12 s. allowed for twenty-four days expences, for himself and Sir Thomas Ailesbury, who served with him. He was attainted with his brother Sir John Shelley, for endeavouring to rethrone King Richard II. deposed by Henry IV. whereby they lost great estates; part of which is now enjoyed by the heirs of the late earl of Conningby. Sir Thomas, performed

(a) Ex. Infor. Dom. Joh. Shelley, Bar. (b) Coke's Reports, vol. I. p. 105, 106.
 (c) Ex. Infor. Dom. J. Shelley, Bar. (d) Strype's Annals, vol. I. p. .
 (e) Ex. Infor. Dom. Jo. Shelley, Bar. (f) Ibid. (g) Ibid. (h) Prynn's Parliament, Reg. ft. vol. IV.

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formed also considerable services on the coast of France with his brother, under that eminent commander Sir Robert Knowles. 3. Sir William Shelley, lord of Offerdary, Chelsey, and Applesham, in com. Suffex. who had two sons; Richard, the eldest, died without issue; Robert, the second son, 8 Hen. V. married Elizabeth, daughter and coheir of John Pettit, by whom he left issue two sons, John, and Thomas; which last was of Hunsdon, who, for distinction from the Michelgrove family, altered their coat to Argent, a Chevron between three Escallops, Sable: But this line terminated in an heir female, Alice, married to Thomas Randall, Esq;

John, the eldest son, was a burgess in parliament for the town of Rye in Suffex, 5, 8, and 9 Hen. V. and 1 Hen. VI. (a) He married Beatrix, daughter and heir to Sir John Hawkwood, Knt. by whom he had one son, John, who married Elizabeth, daughter and heir to John Michelgrove of Michelgrove in Suffex, Esq; (by Mary his wife, daughter of William Sydney of Penrhurst, in Kent, Esq;) by whom he had three (b) sons; 1. Richard of Patcham, in Suffex, who, by Mary, daughter of Sir Richard Urdefwick, Knt. was ancestor to the Shelleys of Patcham. 2. Sir William, who continued the line. 3. Edward, who was of Warminghurst-Park, in Suffex, and father of Henry Shelley of Warminghurst, Esq; (c) who married Anne, daughter and heir to Richard Sackville of Buckhurst, Esq; and was ancestor to those of that place.

Sir William Shelley, married Alice, eldest daughter of Sir Henry Belknap, Knt. (and Margaret his wife, daughter of Sir Richard Knowles, Knt.) sister and coheir of Sir Edward Belknap, Knt. (d) by whom he became possessed of a considerable estate in

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(a) Prynn Præd. (b) Some Pedigrees make four sons, and that the youngest was Sir John Shelley, Knt. slain at the winning of Rhodes. (c) Le Neve's MSS. of the Baronets, vol. I. p. 17.

(d) This Sir William Shelley, in several Pedigrees, is said to be one of the justices of the Common-Pleas. — Philpot, in his Villare Cantium, p. 259, says, Sir Henry Belknap, had three daughter and coheirs; Alice, married to Sir William Shelley, Anne, matched to Sir Robert Wotton, and Elizabeth, first wedded to Sir Philip Cook of Giddy-Hall, in Essex, and after to Leonard Dannett, of the county of Worcester, who divided his patrimony. — In Sir William Dugdale's Antiquities of Warwickshire, vol. I. p. 523. Sir Edward Belknap, is said to have four sisters and coheirs; Alice, married to Sir William Shelley, Anne, to Sir Robert Wotton, Elizabeth, to John Coke, and Mary, to Gerard Danet, Squire of the body to King Hen. VIII. — It is thought a barony is now in the descendants from the daughters and coheirs of Sir Henry Belknap; he being descended lineally from Joan, sister and heir of John, lord Sudley, who marrying William, lord Boteler, by him had two sons; Thomas and Ralph, successively lord Botelers of Sudley; who both dying without issue, their sisters Joan, and Elizabeth, became their coheirs: Elizabeth, married Sir John Montgomery, Knt. and dying without issue, the claim to the Barony of Sudley, was vested in Joan, the sole surviving sister and heir; which Joan, married Hamon Belknap, lord of Oston, and had issue, Sir Henry Belknap, lord of Oston, who married Margaret, daughter of Sir Richard Knowles, by whom he had the daughters and coheirs beforementioned. Ex Inform. Dom. Joh. Shelley, Bar. — When a barony in fee is merged in daughters and coheirs, the king may give it to which of them he pleases.

Warwickshire; and had issue by her, five sons; 1. John. 2. Sir Richard; 3. Sir James, who were both knights of Malta (a). 4. Edward, slain at Muscleburgh-Field, in Scotland. 5. Thomas of Maple-Durham, who, by Mary, daughter of Sir Roger Copley, Knt. was father of Henry Shelley, of Maple-Durham, Esq; who married Mary, daughter and coheir of Sir John Lutterell, Knt. and was ancestor to those of that place: Sir William, had also three daughters, of which, Elizabeth, was wife of Sir Roger Copley, Knt. and Katherine, married to Henry Browne, Esq; son of Sir Matthew Browne of Beechworth-Castle in Surry, Knt.

John Shelley of Michelgrove, Esq; the eldest son, married Mary, daughter of Sir William Fitz-Williams, Knt. and Maud his wife, daughter of Sir Richard Sackville of Buckhurst, Knt. (who surviving him, married Sir Robert Guldeford, Knt.) by whom he had two sons, and six daughters: 1. William, who married to his first wife, Jane, daughter and heir of — Lingen of Sutor, in com. Hereford. Esq; and secondly, Mary, daughter of Thomas Wriothesley, earl of Southampton, relict of — Lister, Esq; son and heir of Sir Martin Lister, Knt. but left no issue. He was attainted for treason, committed 15 Dec. 25 Eliz. whereby his estate was forfeited to the crown during his life, for he did not die till 15 April, 39 Eliz. when, by virtue of an entail, the estates both in Suffex, and Warwickshire, descended to his brother John, of whom hereafter. Of the daughters, 1. Elizabeth, was married to Sir Thomas Gifford, Knt. 2. Eleanor, to Thomas Norton, Esq; son and heir to Sir John Norton of Norwood, in Kent, Knt. 3. Margaret, to Edward Gage, Esq; 4. Mary, to Sir George Cotton of Warblington, in com. Southamp. Knt. 5. Bridget, married Sir Anthony Hungerford of Downampney, in com. Wilts, Knt. And 6. Anne, wife to Sir Richard Shirley of Wiston, in Suffex, Knt. This John Shelley, Esq; the father of these children, died Dec. 16, 4 Edw. VI. 1550.

John Shelley, Esq; second son, heir to his brother, married Eleanor, daughter of Sir Thomas Lovell of East-Harling, in Norfolk, Knt. (son of Sir Francis Lovell of Barton, Knt. and Anne his wife, daughter of George Ashby, of —, in Middlesex, Esq;) by whom he had two sons, John, and Henry, who died unmarried; also, one daughter, Elizabeth, married to Sir Thomas Timperleigh of Suffolk, Knt.

John Shelley, of Michelgrove, Esq; the eldest son and heir, was advanced to the degree of a baronet at the first erection of that dignity, 9 James I. He sold the estate in Warwickshire

(a) These knights were first called, knights-hospitallers of St. John of Jerusalem; afterwards, the knights of Rhodes, and at this time, the knights of Malta. Vertot's Hist. of the Knights of Malta, vol. I. p. 1.

Warwickshire (a), and purchased in Suffex, where he lived in great honour and esteem. He married Jane, daughter of Sir Thomas Reresby of Thribergh, in Yorkshire, Knt. by whom he had two sons; Sir William, who was knighted, and John Shelley, Esq; who married Mary, daughter and heir of George Bayley, Esq; and died without issue.

Sir William Shelley, Knt. his eldest son, married Christiana, daughter of Sir James Vantelet, Knt. and died 1635, in his father's life-time, leaving only one son,

Sir Charles Shelley, Bart. successor to his grandfather, who, by Elizabeth, daughter of Benjamin Weston, of Walton upon Thames, in Surry, Esq; (and Elizabeth his wife, daughter of William Sheldon of Honby, in com. Leicest. Esq; and relict of Christopher Villers, earl of Anglesea) the fourth son of Richard Weston, earl of Portland: He had four sons; Benjamin, and Charles, who died young; Sir John, his successor, and William, who died without issue; also two daughters, Elizabeth and Christiana, who both died unmarried. His second wife was Mary, daughter of Thomas Gifford, of Dunton-Walcot, in Essex, Esq; and relict of George, lord Abergavenny, by whom he had no issue; he died about 1681, and was buried at Roan in France, and his lady who survived him, died 1695. He was succeeded in dignity and estate, by his eldest surviving son,

Sir John Shelley, Bart. who married to his first wife, Bridget, only daughter of George, lord Abergavenny, by whom he had only one daughter, Frances, married to Richard, lord viscount Fitzwilliams, of Mount-Merion, in the kingdom of Ireland, by whom she had several children; of which, Mary, the eldest daughter, is married to Henry, the present earl of Pembroke. Sir John's second wife was Mary, daughter and coheir of Sir John Gage of Firle in Suffex, Bart. (coheir with the lady viscountess Fauconberg.) He died, April 25, 1703, leaving issue, by his second lady, two sons; Sir John, his successor, and Richard, who is one of the commissioners of the stamp-office, and married Mrs. Fleetwood, by whom he hath issue; also three daughters, Mary, married to the late Sir John Lawson of Brough, in Yorkshire, Bart.

(a) Sir William Dugdale, treating of Wolston in Warwickshire, says, Sir Edward Belknap, by his testament, gave Wolston with the manor of Marston, to his brother-in-law, William Shelley, Esq; and Alice his wife, sister of the said Sir Edward, and to the heirs of the said Alice, reserving first an estate for life in them to his wife; which William Shelley, by the said Alice, had issue John Shelley, his son and heir, who died seized of them, 16 Dec. 4 Edw. VI. leaving William, his son and heir, twelve years old; who being attainted for treason committed 15 Dec. 25 Eliz. forfeited all the estate he had here, (which was no more than for life, by reason of an entail made 16 Jan. 23 Eliz.) so that dying without issue, 15 April, 39 Eliz. these manors, by virtue of the said entail, came to Sir John Shelley, Knt. and Bart. son and heir to John Shelley, brother of the said William: Which Sir John, by his deed of bargain and sale, bearing date 19 Oct. 10 Jac. I. conveyed the same to George Warner, Gent. and his heirs. Dugdale's Warw. vol. I. p. 35. Edit. 1730.

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Bart. Elizabeth, to Edward Sheldon, of Weston, in Warwickshire, Esq; and Catherine, to — Matthews, of Ireland, Esq;

Sir John Shelley, the present baronet, married first, Catherine, (a) daughter of Sir Thomas Scawen, Knt. alderman of London, by whom he had issue, two daughters, Catherine, and Mary, who are unmarried; this lady dying Sep. 1726, he hath since married, the honourable Mrs Margaret Pelham (b), youngest daughter of Thomas, lord Pelham, (by his second wife, the lady Grace Holles, fourth and youngest daughter to Gilbert, earl of Clare,) and sister to his grace, Thomas, the present duke of Newcastle; by whom he hath issue, one son, and a daughter. Sir John, was elected in the last, and present parliament, a representative for the borough of Arundell, in Suffex.

ARMS: Sable, a Fess ingrail'd, between three Periwinkles, (Whelks) Or.

CREST: On a Wreath, Or, and Sable, a Griphon's Head eras'd, Argent, beak'd and ducally gorg'd, Or.

SEATS: At Beckley, and Michelgrove, in Suffex.

7. BARRINGTON of Barrington-Hall, Effex.

(Sir FRANCIS, KNIGHT.)

Created BARONET, June 29, 1611.

MR. CAMDEN in his Britannia (c), says, 'Barrington-Hall (heretofore) the seat of that eminent family of the Barringtons, who, in the time of King Stephen, were greatly enriched with the estate of the lords Montfitchet; and in the memory of our (d) fathers a match with the daughter and co-heir of Henry Pole, lord Montacute, son and heir to Margaret, countess of Salisbury, rendered them more illustrious, by an alliance with the royal blood.'

The first we find mentioned in the pedigree, in Chauncy's Hertfordshire, is, Sir Odynell Barrington, or Barentone, as the name was anciently written, descended from Barrington, that serv'd Queen Emme, wife of King Etheldred, father of Edward the confessor, he was baron of Wagon (e), and incur'd the common fate of his country, becoming subject to the Normans; which may be the reason that none of the name, either as chief lords,

(a) Ex Infor. Dom. Jo. Shelley, Bar. (b) Peerage of England, by Collins, vol. I. p. 306. (c) Vol. I. p. 427. (d) So said, an. 1607. (e) Chauncy's Hertf. p. 366.

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lords, or sub-tenants, in Essex, are mentioned in Doomſday book; yet Selden, finds, (a) Radulfus de Barentona, to be sworn among others in the hundred of Trepeſlau, in com. Cantab. to take the conqueror's ſurvey; and the town and pariſh of Barrington, near Cambridge, is ſaid to take name from him.

Sir Euſtace de Barenton, (ſon of Sir Odynell) (b), had a grant from Hen. I. ſon of William, the conqueror, to hold in peace all his lands in Ramelden, Hatfield-Peverell, Writtle, Ravensfield, Haring, Berking, Slyford, Chigwell, and Splow.

Mr. Le Neve, (late Norroy king at arms,) ſays, the Barringtons, are deſcended from Barentone, a Saxon, who had the cuſtody of the foreſt of Hatfield-Regis, temp. Wil. I. as may be gathered out of the old writings of the family (c), and that Euſtachius de Barentona, (ſon of Barentone the Saxon) was ſervant to King Hen. I. and had granted him by that king, lands, and the cuſtody of the foreſt, and that he died in the time of King Stephen (d).

Humphrey, hiſ ſon and heir, had a grant from Alberſy de Vere, (who came in with the conqueror) by charter, of the manor of Barringtons, in Chigwell, now called Rolls. (e) *‘Albericus de Vere omnibus Hominibus ſuis Francis & Anglis ſalutem. Sciatis quod ego dedi & reddidi Humfrido filio Euſtachii de Barentonia Terram in Chigwellia, quam pater ſuus tenuit de me in Feodo & Hereditate, ſibi tenendum & heredibus ſuis de me & heredibus meis: Et Præcipio quod eam teneat, in nemore & in plano & in ſemita & in aqua ita bene & honorifice, cum omnibus Conſuetudinibus ſicut pater ſuus unquam melius tenuit, & per idem ſervitium per quod Pater ſuus tenuit; teſtibus, &c.’* to hold lands in Chigwell, which Euſtace de Barenton, held of him in fee and inheritance; and that he the ſaid Humphry, ſhould hold it, as well and honourably, with all incident cuſtoms, as ample, or better than hiſ father ever held, and by the ſame ſervice; witneſſes, Alberſy de Vere, Robert de Vere, hiſ ſons, Robert Fitz-Williams, &c. He had alſo a grant from King Stephen, and Henry Fitz-Empreſs, of the aforeſaid lands in Ramelden, &c. and all hiſ lands in Bil-changer. Humphry de Barenton, is likewiſe a witneſs to the foundation-charter of Woodham-Priory, in Eſſex, temp. Hen. II. (f) and was alſo a benefactor to the abbey of Waltham St. Croſs. *Terram quam dedit Humfridus de Barenton (g) ipſi eccleſiæ.*

This Humphry de Barenton, ſon of Euſtace, had the foreſt and lands confirmed to him by King Henry II. (h)

The ſaid Humphry, in right of Grifilde hiſ wife, ſiſter to Sir Ralph Marcy (i), had the manor of Kelvedon, in the county of Eſſex;

(a) Selden's Preface to Eadmerus.

(b) Ex Evid. hujus Fam. in Chauncy præd.

(c) Le Neve's MSS. of the Baronets, vol. I. p. 18.

(d) Ibid.

(e) Baronet in

Præſenti, fol. 21.

(f) Mon. Ang. vol. II. p. 1294.

(g) Ibid vol. p. 16.

(h) Le Neve, ibid.

(i) Chauncy's Hertford. p. 366.

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Essex; and Sir Humphry de Barenton, their son and heir, was under age at his father's decease, and in ward to King Hen II. (*a*) he lived in the reigns of Hen. II. Rich. I. and King John (*b*), and was high sheriff of Essex and Hertfordshire, 9 Rich. I. (*c*); (an office in those days of great authority) and by his wife Amicia (*d*), the only daughter of Sir William (*e*), third son of Sir Jeffery de Mandevile, earl of Essex, founder of the abbey of Walden, he had a son, Nicholas, who was knighted, and held the offices of woodward, and chief forester of Hatfield forest, and summoned before him the regariderers, verderers, and agistors in the forest of Essex. Which Sir Nicholas de Barenton, custos of the forest, by deed, styled *Dnus Nic. de Barenton* (*f*), lived in the reigns of King John, and Henry III. He took to wife, 1. Mary, daughter of John Bovile; and also, 2. Maud, daughter of Sir Ralph Mortoft, Knt. He had no issue by the first; but by the latter, a daughter, Margaret, married to Sir James Umfreville, and several sons; whereof Nicholas, the eldest, succeeded to the inheritance, was knighted, and living temp. Hen. III. and Ed. I. and by Agnes his wife, daughter and heir to Sir William Chetwynde, was father of another Sir Nicholas, John, and Philip; and four daughters, of which, Margaret, married Sir Martin Suchemer, Knt. (*g*)

Sir Nicholas, living temp. Ed. II. and Ed. III. son and heir of the last Sir Nicholas, married Alice, daughter and heir of Sir Richard Belhouse, Knt. with whom he had 10l. rent in Westhall, of the gift of her father, on a settlement by his father, of the manors of Triplow, Hatfield, Writtle, Chigwell, Ramelden, Bullinghatch, and Springfield. From the said Alice, proceeded four sons, Nicholas, Thomas, Roger, and Sir Philip, who married Margaret, daughter of Sir William Tey, of Essex, Knt. and was father of Nicholas Barrington, of Raleigh-Park, in Essex, Esq; whose grandson and heir-male lies buried with his wife, under a marble tomb, in Raleigh church, with this inscription on brass:

Orate pro Animabus Johannis Barington, Armig. & Thomazina
Uxoris ejus—Expectantium Misericordia Dei, qui quidem
Johannis; obiit 8^o die Mensis Novembris, Anno Dom. 1416.
& prædicta Thomazina obiit 15 die Mensis Septembris, Anno
Dom. 1420, quorum Animabus propitiatur Deus. Amen.

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(*a*) Le Neve, *ibid.* (*b*) Chauncy, in his Hertfordshire, p. 366. says, "There was (about this time) Sir Warren of Barrington; I know not whose son he was, but I am certain, he is buried at Therhale-Priory, in the forest of Hatfield." (*c*) Rot. Pipe ejus Ann. (*d*) Hum. de Barenton 2 feod. in Leringes, cum amicia uxore sua, de honore de Valoniis, Lib. Rub. in Scac. Inquis. fact. temp. RS. Joh. s. 12 & 13. MSS. P. Le Neve, vol. I. p. 18. (*e*) Chauncy Præd. (*f*) Nicolas de Barenton, Miles, vide cartam ejus sine dat. per quam dedit terras in Chiggewell, Canonici Waltham, vide Register, f. 8. Penes P. Le Neve.—Dom. Nic. de Barenton, Miles, testis Cartæ, sans dat. Johis de Lonsfere clci fact. Canonici Waltham, cum Willo filio Regind. qui fuit Vicecomes de Essex. & Hert. 31, 32, 33, 34 Hen. III. Register, f. 7. *ibid.* (*g*) Chauncy, p. 366.

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Sister and heir to John, was Thomazine, living temp. Hen. VI. who first married William Lunsford, Esq; (from Lunsford, of Lunsford, in Suffex) secondly, William Sydney of Penthurst, in Kent, Esq; (from whom the earls of Leicester descended,) and thirdly, she married John Hopton, Esq; (a)

Nicholas Barenton, eldest son of the last Sir Nicholas, and brother to Sir Philip, was living temp. Ed. II. and III. having to his wife Emme, daughter and coheir to Sir Robert Baard, Knt. with whom he had the manor of Little, and several other estates (b); and she bare him four sons; Sir John, Humphry, Thomas, and Philip; and a daughter, Lettice, who lived unmarried, and had 10l. in Weston, for term of her life. The said Nicholas, was succeeded by John, his eldest son:

Which John, was knighted, and had the king's letters patents, 49 Ed. III. which confirmed to him in fee all his lands at Hatfield. *Solut. pro Custodiâ Forestæ Terræ quæ fuit Ada*—at the rent of 17s. and the land of Writtele, *nec non à ministerio Patris sui de Foresta Regis tenend.* The said *Ministerium*, or office of William de Montfichet, in com. Essex. and that all foresters, and officers of the said forest, should be observant to the said John [Barenton,] to hold of the king, *in capite*, referring to the charters of King Hen. II. Steph. and Hen. III. (c)

This Sir John de Barenton, had in marriage, Margaret, daughter and heir to Sir John Blomville, Knt. whereof proceeded two sons, John, and Edward; the latter was possessed of the manor of Gravely, in com. Hertf. (d) and held a court there, on Monday next after the feast of Easter, 12 Hen. IV. A. D. 1411.

John Barenton, the eldest son, was also stiled Barrington (e), and the first that was justly so called; he was living, temp. Hen. IV. and V. and by his wife Alice, one of the daughters and heirs of Thomas Battle, younger son of Sir John Battle, of Onger-Park, in Essex, Knt. by Elizabeth his wife, daughter and heir of Sir Richard Ennefield, Knt. had issue Thomas, Humphry, and Elizabeth, married to John Sulyard.

Thomas, the eldest son, was the inheritor of his father's lands, in Hatfield, Writtle, &c. (f) and after the death of his uncle, Edward Barrington, was seized of the manors of Chevesfield (g), Graveley, Lecheford, and lands in Weston; at the first of which places he held a court, 16 Hen. VI. 1438; was high sheriff of Essex

(a) Chauncy's Hert. p. 367. (b) Ibid. (c) Forreſtaria de Hatfield & Writtle confirmat. Joh. de Barentona Pat. 49. Edw. III. p. 1. M. 25. Le Neve. (d) Le Neve, ibid. (e) Chauncy, pred. p. 366. (f) Forreſtaria de Hatfield & Writtle, in co. Essex. conceſſa Humfrido filio Euſtachii de Barentona tempore Regum Henrici Primi, & Stephani, & confirmata Thomæ de Barrington confanguineo & heredi præſati Euſtachii. Pat. 16. Hen. VI. p. 2. M. 26. Le Neve's MSS. vol. I. p. 18. (g) Ex Chauncy, pred.

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Essex and Hertford, 30 Hen. VI. He married Anne, the second daughter, and one of the heirs of Sir John Holbeach, Knt. and of his wife, the daughter and coheir of Sir John Rochford, of Lincolnshire, Knt. He had to his first wife, Margaret, who, together with him, held the manor of Little Chigwell, called Barrington's manor (*a*), of Anne, dutchess of Buckingham, as of her hundred of Aungre, by the service of suit, at the court of the sheriffs turn for the said manor, and 6d. rent annually. He lies buried, with his wife Anne, in the church (*b*) of Hatfield Broad-Oak, with this inscription (*c*):

Hic jacent Thomas Barington, Armiger, & Anna Uxor ejus,
qui quidem Thomas obiit 5^o Aprilis MCCCCCLXXII. &
Anna obiit proximo die sequenti; quorum animabus propitiatur altissimus.

She dying the day after him, this distich was made on them (*d*),

*He first deceas'd; she for a few hours try'd
To live without him, lik'd it not, and dy'd.*

Humphry Barrington, son and heir to the said Thomas (*e*), married Margaret, daughter of — Bretton, of Essex, and had issue Nicholas, who took to wife, Anne, daughter of Thomas Darcy, of Tolshunt-Darcy, in com. Essex. (as said by some) and left two sons, Richard, and Sir Nicholas; which Richard, was aged twenty years at his father's death, 27 Sept. 21 Hen. VII. (*f*) but died without issue. The said Nicholas, had a wife, named Elizabeth, that survived him, (but whether she, and not Anne, was the daughter of Thomas Darcy, I can't affirm.) The manors of Chivesfield, and Gravely, were settled on her before 8 Hen. VII. (*g*) in which year, trustees held a court for the said manors, in the names of the said Nicholas, and Elizabeth; and she, surviving him, married — Parker, and their trustees held a court in their names, 22 Hen. VII. and on her death, both those manors descended to Sir Nicholas Barrington, Knt.

Which Sir Nicholas, son to Nicholas aforesaid, died about the year 1521; for in October, that year, his will was proved, which bore date 22 July, A. D. 1515, wherein he disposed of all his lands and manors in trust for his heir apparent, John, (then about eight years old) when he came to the age of twenty-one years; Elizabeth his wife survived him, who was daughter (*b*) of Sir John Bocket, of Bocket-Hall, in com. Hertf. and afterwards married William Boughton, of Lawford, in com. Warw. Esq; (*i*)

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(*a*) Inq. 19 H. VI. N^o. 22. (*b*) Le Neve says, the burial-place of this family is St. Katherine's chapel, in Hatfield-church, in Essex, where all lie buried. (*c*) Weever's Fun. Monum. p. 631. (*d*) Fuller in Essex, p. 240. (*e*) In the Pedigree in Chauncy, p. 367. Humphry, is mentioned as son and heir to Thomas; but p. 366. Nicholas, is said to succeed Thomas, and no mention made of Humphry. (*f*) East Essex, 24 H. VII. m. 74. (*g*) Ex Chauncy. (*h*) lb. 367. (*i*) Dugd. Warw. vol. I. p. 100.

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The said John Barrington, succeeding to the inheritance, was in ward to Thomas Bonham; and living 25 Hen. VIII. he married Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Bonham, sister and heir of Sir Walter Bonham, by Catherine his wife, sister and heir to the lord Marney, knight of the garter: He had by her a son, Thomas, whom he left under age; for during his minority, his mother being guardian, held a court at Graveley cum Chevesfield, A. D. 1546, 38 Hen. VIII. in her own name; which he afterwards did himself, and sold them to George Clerk (*a*). He was high sheriff of the counties of Hertford and Essex, 4 Eliz. and for his services to the crown, had a grant of the manor of Bushey, in com. Hertf. by letters patents dated at Westminster, Nov. 22. 8 Eliz. by the same service as it was holden before the attainder of the countess of Salisbury. He had two wives; 1. Alice, daughter of Henry Parker, lord Morley (*b*), by whom he had only one daughter, Elizabeth; and 2. Winifrid, youngest daughter and coheir of Henry Pole, lord Montagu, and relict of Sir Thomas Hastings, Knt. Catherine, the eldest daughter and coheir of the said Henry, lord Montagu, was married to Francis, earl of Huntingdon, eldest brother to Sir Thomas Hastings; which Henry, was son to Sir Richard Pole, knight of the garter, by Margaret Plantagenet his wife, countess of Salisbury, sister and sole heir to Edward, earl of Warwick, and daughter to George, duke of Clarence, younger brother to King Ed. IV. (*c*) And of this illustrious marriage descended two sons; Sir Francis Barrington, who was created baronet, and Henry, a gentleman-pensioner, who died without issue. As also a daughter, Catherine, wife of William, son and heir to Sir Ralph Bouchier, of Beningborough, in com. Ebor. Knt.

In Dominam Winifridam Barrington
A Regibus Editam (*d*).

Faire Johanne, that honourable vertious Pearle,
Childe of John Gaunt, of famous Memory,
The faconde Wife of Ralph, Westmorland Earle,
Had Issue, Rechard, Earle of Salisbury,
Whose famous Heire, call'd by his father's Name,
Was Earle of Salisbury and Warwick eke,
He left Coheirs twaine of worthy Fame
Call'd Isabell and Anne, both faire and meeke.
Those Sisters twaine two Brothers eke did wed,
King Rechard named the 3d, made Anne his Bride,
George, Duke of Clarence, the eldist married,
Their Heir Edward, Earle of Warwick dyed;

And

(*a*) Chauncy's Hert. p. 367. (*b*) Glover's Pedigrees of the Nobility, p. 107.
(*c*) See an Act, 1 Maria, for restitution in blood of the heirs of Henry Pole, late lord Montagu. (*d*) From an old MS. in the Possession of Sir John Barrington, Bar.

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And left no Child, therefore his Sister faire,
 Countis of Salisbury, that Marg'rate Hight,
 Was of that House left the sole only Heire,
 Her eldest son an Heire eke by right
 Was Henry Pole, Lord Montague create,
 Whose two Coheires, Catherine and Winifride,
 Unto two Brothers joyn'd in Marriage State.
 The eldest Sister was the lovely Bride
 Of Francis Hastings, Earle of Huntington,
 Whose Issue doth enjoy that Earldom still ;
 Faire Winifred her wedded Life begun,
 With Thomas Hastings, Knight, whom Death did kill ;
 Who dead, she marryed Thomas Barrington,
 A worthy Knight, whom she likewise survived,
 And now alas, her Glas is run,
 When as full fourscore Yeares complete she'd lived.
 One only Son and Heire she left behind,
 Call'd Francis Barrington, a worthy Wight,
 Her royal Blood, and Vertues of her Mind,
 If more may be, do shine in him more bright,
 Then tho' you mourn her Death who here doth lye,
 Joye for the Life of her Posteritye.

Honoris Ergo.

Francis, son and heir, succeeded to a great estate : He serv'd as knight of the shire for Essex, in the Parliament held at Westminster, 43 Eliz. and on the accession of King James I. to the English crown, was knighted at Theobalds, 7 May, A. D. 1603 ; and by the said prince farther advanced to the degree of a baronet, at the first institution of that dignity, A. D. 1611. He married Joan, daughter to Sir Henry Cromwell, alias, Williams, of Hinchbrook, in com. Huntingdon, Knt. sister of Sir Oliver Cromwell, Knt. and had issue four sons, and five daughters : 1. Sir Thomas. 2. Robert, of Hatfield-Broad oak, who married Dorothy, daughter of Sir Thomas Eden, of Sudbury, in Suffolk, Knt. the widow of — Barret, Esq; brother of Sir Edward ; by whom he left posterity, which ended in a daughter, Joane, married to Mr. Gyles, of the six-clerks office in chancery. 3. Francis Barrington, of London, who, by a daughter of Mr. Richard Doucet, had a son, Francis. And 4. John, a captain, who died in Germany. The daughters were, Elizabeth, married first to Sir James Altham, of Marks-hall, in Essex, Knt. and afterwards, to Sir William Masham, of High-Laver, in Essex, Bart. 2. Mary, to Sir Gilbert Gerard, of Flamberds, on Harrow the Hill, Bart. 3. Winifrid, wife of Sir William Meux, of Kingston, in the Isle of Wight, Knt. 4. Ruth, wife of Sir George Lamplugh, of Cumberland, Knt. And 5. Joan, married to Sir Richard Everard, of Much-Waltham, in Essex, Bart. Sir Fran-

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cis, died 3 July, 4 Char. I. and was succeeded by his eldest son, Sir Thomas, who received the honour of knighthood in his father's life-time.

Which Sir Thomas Barrington, Knt. and Bart. married first, Frances, daughter and coheir to John Gobert, of Coventry, Esq; by whom he had a daughter, Lucy, first married to William Cheyney, of Chessham-Boys, in Bucks, Esq; and secondly, to Sir Toby Tyrrel, of Thornton, in com. Bucks, Bart. and two sons; Sir John, who succeeded him, and Sir Gobert Barrington, of Tofts, in Little Badow, in Essex, Knt. who married first, Lucy, daughter of Sir Richard Wiseman, of Torrel's-Hall, in com. Essex, Knt. by whom he had six sons; Thomas, Francis, Richard, Robert, John, and Theophilus; the four last died young. Thomas, the eldest son, called Coll. Barrington, died without issue, whereupon the estate went to his brother, Francis Barrington, of Tofts, Esq; He married the daughter of Mr. Samuel Shute, of London, who was sheriff of the said city, 1681, by whom he had no issue, and left his estate to his wife's brother, John Shute, Esq; who, by act of parliament, changed his name to Barrington, and was created lord Barrington, of Newcastle, in the county of Dublin, and viscount Barrington, of Ardglass, in the county of Down, in Ireland, 7 Geo. I. and died Dec. 1734; being father of the present lord viscount Barrington. Sir Gobert, married to his second lady, Elizabeth (a), relict of Hugh Lawton, Esq; by whom he had no issue. He died about 1695, and was buried at Hatfield; and she departed this life, 1703, aged 84, and lies buried at St. Saviour's, Southwark (b).

Sir Thomas, had to his second lady, Judith, daughter to Sir Rowland Lytton, of Knebworth, in com. Hertf. Knt. and widow of Sir George Smith, of Annables, in the same county, Knt. which Judith, died without issue, A. D. 1657, aged sixty-five years; and Sir Thomas, A. D. 1644, and was succeeded by his eldest son,

Sir John Barrington, Knt. and Bart. who married Dorothy, daughter to Sir William Lytton, of Knebworth, in com. Hertf. Knt. (she survived him, and died Oct. 27, 1703,) by whom he had five sons; 1. Thomas. 2. Francis, who died unmarried. 3. John, who married Elizabeth, daughter to Edward Hawkins, of Bishop-Stratford, Gent. and had issue, Sir John, his son and heir, father of the present baronet. 4. Francis, (who died unmarried;) and 5. William, who married Sarah, daughter and heir of Richard Young, of London, merchant, but died without issue; she surviving him, afterwards married—Wynne, Esq; Also nine daughters; of which Winifrid, was wife to Richard Wiseman, Esq; son to Sir Richard Wiseman,

(a) Stew's Survey of London, vol. II. B. 4. p. 14.

(b) Ibid.

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Wifeman, of **Torell's-Hall**, in **Essex**, **Knt.** and **Lucy**, wife to **John Walter**, of **Chepstow**, in **com. Monmouth**, **Esq;**

Thomas Barrington, **Esq;** eldest son of **Sir John**, married the lady **Anne**, daughter and coheir to **Robert Rich**, earl of **Warwick**; and had by her three sons; **Sir John**, **Sir Charles**, and **Rich**, who died unmarried; and two daughters; **Mary**, who died unmarried, **Oct. 1727**, and **Anne**, Wife to **Mr. Charles Shales**, goldsmith to her late majesty **Queen Anne**, and **King George I.** and **II.** she died **Nov. 17, 1729**, (and he, **Oct. 5, 1734**.) leaving two sons, viz. **Rich**, who died **S. P.** and **John (Shales) Barrington**, of **Hatfield-Broad oak**, **Esq;** who is as yet unmarried. The said **Thomas**, dying in his father's life-time, **Jan. 1681**, (his relict afterwards married **Sir Richard Francklyn**, of **Ryflip**, in **Middlesex**, **Bart.**) whereupon, the dignity and estate descended to his eldest son, **John**, as heir to his grandfather;

Which **Sir John**, dying unmarried, of the small-pox, **1691**, was succeeded by his brother,

Sir Charles Barrington, **Bart.** who was several times elected in parliament, against powerful opposers, one of the knights of the shire for the county of **Essex**, and was made by **Queen Anne**, vice-admiral of the said county. He was a fast friend to the church and monarchy, and a courteous, affable gentleman; as much esteemed as any of the county he liv'd in, and died generally lamented by all his friends, **January 29, 1714-15**, at a time when they ardently wished his health, in order to his election as knight of the shire for **Essex**, (and was buried with his ancestors, in **St. Catherine's chapel**, at **Hatfield**.) He married first, **Bridget**, sole daughter to **Sir John Munson**, of **Broxburn**, in **Hertfordshire**, **Bart.** (by **Judith**, his wife, daughter to **Sir Thomas Pelham**, **Bart.** great-grandfather to **Thomas**, duke of **Newcastle**.) and after her decease, **Anna-Maria**, daughter to **William**, earl **Fitz-Williams**, of the kingdom of **Ireland**, (who was seated at **Milton**, near **Peterbro'**; she was only sister to **John**, the late earl; and dying **July, 1717**, was buried at **Marham**, near **Peterbro'**.) but by neither of them had any issue. The greatest part of his estate he left by will to his sister **Shales**, and after her decease, to his nephew, **Rich (Shales) Barrington**, **Esq;** (her eldest son,) who dying unmarried, it came to his youngest brother, **John (Shales) Barrington**, **Esq;** of **Hatfield-Broad oak**, in **Essex**, who is unmarried; but the title descended to **Sir John**, son and heir of **John Barrington**, **Esq;** third son of **Sir John Barrington**, **Bart.** grandfather to the late **Sir Charles**.

Which **Sir John Barrington**, **Bart.** was possessed of an estate at **Dunmow**, and in the **Isle of Wight**; and having married **Susan**, daughter to **George Draper**, of **Hitchin**, in **Hertfordshire**, **Gent.** left issue three sons; **Sir John**, **Charles**, and **Fitzwilliams**, married **June, 1741**, to the sole daughter and heir of captain **Thomas Mead**; and two daughters; **Susan**, married to **Barrington Flacke**,

of Linton, in Cambridgeshire, Esq; and Sarah, who is unmarried.

Sir John, dying August, 1717, was succeeded in dignity and estate, by his eldest son,

Sir John Barrington, the present baronet, who was a member in the last parliament but one, for Newton, in the Isle of Wight, for which place he was elected to the present parliament; he married Mary (a), daughter of Patricius Roberts, Esq; (by Elizabeth, eldest daughter of John Weston, of Ockham, in the county of Surry, Esq;) by whom he hath as yet no issue.

ARMS: Argent, three Chevronells, Gules, a Label of as many Points, Azure.

CREST: On a Wreath, the Bust of a Man proper, crin'd Sabre, Band Silver, vested Paly, Or and Azure.

MOTTO: *Ung durant ma Vie.*

SEAT: At *Swanscombe*, in the *Isle of Wight*.

8. MUSGRAVE, of Hartley-Castle, Westmoreland.

(Sir RICHARD, KNIGHT of the Bath,)

Created BARONET, June 29, 1611.

THIS family is of great antiquity and reputation, and came into England, with William, the conqueror (b), as appears from undoubted authorities: their name implies some office or command, which they might have upon the marches or moſſes towards Scotland. Camden, in his *Britannia* (c), speaking of the two villages called Musgrave, in Westmoreland, says, 'which gave name to the warlike family of the Musgraves.' But the author of the additions to Camden, makes this observation upon that passage (d); 'Unless one may say, with greater probability, that the towns had their name from the family, for the name of Musgrave, is to be reckoned among those, which have been taken from offices, and civil or military honours; and is of the like original as Landtgraff, Markgraff, Burggraff, &c. among the Germans. And indeed, this name, and Markgraff, (now turn'd into Marquis,) are probably the same. The signification of both, is, *Dux Limitaneus*; and anciently Musgrave, or Mosgrave, was all one as in our later language, a lord warden of the marches.' Brompton (e), makes Musgrave, to be the same as Musard, so as to be interpreted, a grave, musing, thoughtful, politick person.

The first of that name that we find mentioned is, Sir Adam de Musgrave,

(a) Ex infor. Dom. Joh. Barrington, Bar. (b) Battel-Abbey Roll; Stow's Chronicle, p. 106. Brompton's Chronicle, 158, 168. (c) Vol. II. p. 983. (d) Ibid.

(e) P. 953.

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Musgrave, Knt. temp. Joh. about the year 1204. He was in great favour with Robert de Vipont, unto whom, the king gave the barony of Appleby, and the perpetual sheriffdom, and held Musgrave (a) of him, in Cornage (b), as part of the barony.

Thomas, his son, who lived before 25 Hen. III. (c) left issue, Thomas, who was one of the executors of Robert de Vipont, that powerful baron, and was sheriff of Westmoreland, 44 Hen. III. he gave some lands in Overton or Orton (d), to the Hospital of Conyngsberd now Conisberd, in the county of Lancaster, and died 49 Hen. III. leaving Thomas, his son and heir, who was living 6 Edw. I. and 4 Edw. II. (e) He obtained a charter for a fair and market at Overton (f), and was, 4 Edw. II. in the Scotch wars.

Thomas de Musgrave, his son and heir, was returned to serve in parliament, for the county of Westmoreland, 14, 15, 17, and 18 Edw. III. (g) and 20 Edw. III. upon the invasion in the North, made by David Bruce, king of Scotland, he joined with the barons in those parts, was one of the commanders in the van of that army (h), which gave him battle near Durham, utterly routing his forces, and taking the king prisoner. The same year he was associated with the bishop of Carlisle, and others, in guarding the Marches; and anno 21 Edw. III. was made governor of Berwick, and sole justicier throughout all the king's lands in Scotland, and afterwards accompanied Ralph, lord Nevil, in the Scotch wars, anno 30 Edw. III. he received command to reside upon his lands, in the marches towards Scotland, for the defence of the country against any incursion. 32 Edw. III. he obtained a charter for free warren in all his demesne lands at Musgrave and Souleby, in com. Westmor. with power to impark his woods, called Hevenings, in Musgrave, containing two hundred acres. Anno 33 Ed. III. he was made governor of York-castle, and sheriff of Yorkshire (i), 34, 37, 38, 39 Ed. III. 42 Ed. III. he was constituted eschaetor for the counties of York, Northumberland, Cumberland, and Westmoreland; and for his good service, had a grant of one hundred marks per annum out of the exchequer. 46 Ed. III. he was associated with the bishop of Carlisle, and others, in the office of warden of the west marches. At length, after many signal services, and continual trusts, he had the hard fate to be taken prisoner by the Scots, anno 2 Ric. II. with Thomas his son; but procuring John, lord Nevil, of Raby, and others, to be sureties for ten thousand marks, they were set at liberty.

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(a) Ex Collect. H. Todd, D. D. (b) A kind of Grand Serjeanty; the service of which tenure is to blow a horn, when any invasion of the Northern enemy is perceived; and by this, many hold their land northward, about the Picts wall. Cowell's Interp. and Camden's Britt. p. 1049. (c) Ex Infor. Dom. Phil. Musgrave, Bar. (d) Ibid. (e) Ibid. (f) Ibid. (g) Prynn's Parl. Regist. vol. IV. de eisd. an. (h) Dugdale's Bar. vol. II. p. 153. (i) Fuller's Worthies in Yorkshire.

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This Thomas, purchased Harcla-castle from Ranulph, baron of Raby (*a*): It had before been part of the estate of Andrew de Harcla, earl of Carlisle, upon whose attainder, it was granted to Sir Hugh de Lowther for his life, the reversion to Ranulph, baron de Raby, and his heirs, under the yearly rent of one hundred shillings. King Edward III. in the twentieth year of his reign, confirmed the manor to Sir Thomas de Musgrave, and his heirs, and remitted the rent; and in the twenty-seventh of his reign, granted him his especial licence to rebuild and fortify the castle, which had been burnt by the Scots. He was also, for his signal knowledge in national affairs, summoned by writ, amongst the barons of this kingdom, from 24 to 47 Edw. III. inclusive (*b*). He married three wives; 1. Margaret, daughter and coheir of William Roos, of Yotton (*c*). 2. Mary, daughter of John Vaux, relict of Thomas Holland, earl of Huntington. 3. Isabel, widow to Robert, son of Robert, lord Clifford, and daughter to Thomas, lord Berkley, by whom he had a daughter, married to Henry Wharton; and two sons; Thomas, taken prisoner with his father, and William.—He died, 1384.

Thomas, his son and heir, was a knight, and returned to serve in parliament, as one of the knights of the shire for the county of York (*d*), 37 and 43 Edw. III. was sheriff of Cumberland, 16 Rich. II. and knight of the shire for Westmoreland, 1 Hen. IV. he died 10 Hen. IV. A. D. 1409 (*e*). When Hartley-castle, with Musgrave, the ancient inheritance, devolved on Sir Richard Musgrave, Knt. his son, who left issue, Thomas Musgrave, Esq; who married (*f*) — daughter of the lord Dacre, and died 3d of January, 1447, 25 Hen. VI. leaving issue Sir Richard, who was married to Margaret, daughter of Sir Thomas Betham, Knt. (*g*) he died the 9th of Nov. 1464, leaving issue, Sir Thomas Musgrave, Knt. who married Joan, daughter and coheir of Sir William de Stapleton, of Edenhall, in com. Cumb. Knt. by whom he had the manor of Edenhall. He was dead 9 Edw. IV. (his brothers were, John, who died unmarried, and Henry, who married Mary, the other daughter and coheir of Sir William de Stapleton, of Edenhall, Knt. His sisters were, Margaret, wife to Thomas Elderton; Mary, of Tomalin Warcop; Agnes, of Robert Warcop; Eleanor, wife of Rowland Thornborough; Elizabeth, of Thomas A Gart; and Isabel, of Thomas Middleton.) This Sir Thomas, left issue, two daughters; Margaret, married to John Sandford, and Isabel, to John Crakenthorp, of Newbrig, Esqrs.

(*a*) Ex Inform. Dom. Ph. Musgrave, Bar.

(*b*) Of this family, Thomas Musgrave, in the time of E. w. III. was summoned to parliament among the barons; Camden's Britannia, vol. II. p. 989.

(*c*) So in the pedigree of Sir Philip Musgrave, Bart. tho' some other pedigrees make this lady to have married his grandfather.

(*d*) Prynn. ut sup. de iisd. ann. (*e*) Ex vet. missale.

(*f*) Ex Inform. Dom. Phil. Musgrave, Bar.

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Esqrs. also four sons; Sir Richard, Sir John, Nicholas, and William; from whom four branches of the Musgraves were descended (*a*), viz. those of Edenhall; of Musgrave-hall or Fairbank; of Hayton, and of Crookdake.

Sir John Musgrave, second son, was knighted at the battle of Newark upon Trent, by King Henry VII. (*b*) and was sheriff of Cumberland, 7 Henry VII. He seated himself at Fairbank, com. Cumb. and married twice; 1. Joane, daughter of John Crackenthorp, and 2. Margaret, sister to the lord Dudley (*c*); and had posterity by both wives.

The third son, Nicholas Musgrave, was of Hayton-castle (*d*), who married Margaret, daughter and coheir of William Filiol.

And, William Musgrave, the fourth son, was of Crookdake, in com. Cumb. he married first, Felix, daughter and coheir of William Filiol, and secondly, Margaret, daughter of Thornton, and relict of Middleton, and was progenitor to the Musgraves of that place.

Sir Richard Musgrave, eldest son and heir to Sir Thomas, took to wife Joane, daughter to Thomas, lord Clifford, and had issue, three daughters; Margaret, wife to John Heron, of Chipchase, Mary, to John Martindale, Esqrs. and Jane, who died unmarried. He had also as many sons; Edward, Thomas, and John.

Edward, the eldest son, in the life-time of his father, was written of Caterlane, in com. Cumb. and with John Crakenhorp, 5 Hen. VIII. was sheriff of Cumberland. 11 Hen. VIII. he was again in that post alone; as likewise 19 Hen. VIII. being then, or before knighted, he married to his first wife, Alice, daughter of Thomas Radcliff, Esq; his second wife was Joan, daughter and coheir of Sir Christopher Ward, of Gryndall, in Yorkshire, Knt. standard-bearer to King Henry VIII. at the siege of Bulloign (*e*). He had issue by the last wife, Elizabeth, married to John Latimer, Esq; Joan, and Magdalen; and three sons; 1. Sir William, sheriff of Cumberland, 24 and 33 Henry VIII. who married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Thomas Curwen, of Workington, in Cumberland, Knt. (and Agnes his wife, daughter of Sir Walter Strickland, of Sifay, Knt.) and was father of Sir Richard Musgrave, Knt. which Sir Richard, enter'd his lands of full age at Martinmas, 37 Henry VIII. A. D. 1545. and was high sheriff of Cumberland, anno 1 and 2 of Phil. and Mary, and dying 10 Sept. 1555, 2 Phil. and Mary, was buried at Edenhall, having had issue by Agnes his wife, daughter to Thomas, lord Wharton, a son, Thomas, who died on Sunday, 3 March,

(*a*) Ibid. (*b*) Nom. Milit. temp. Hen. VII. Cot. Biblio. Claud. C. (*c*) See Nere's MSS. vol. I. p. 22. (*d*) The Musgraves of Hayton-castle deny they are descended from this Nicholas; and say, that the Musgraves of Hayton-castle, and Edenhall, are two distinct families. Vide Musgrave of Hayton's Account, postea. (*e*) Fulg. Worthies in com. Ebor.

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3 March, 7 Eliz. 1565, ætat. 13(a); and only one daughter, Eleanor, married to Sir Robert Bowes, of Alke, in com. Ebor. Knt. whereupon the chief heir male remaining was Simon, second son of Sir Edward, last mentioned.

Which Simon, was sheriff of Cumberland, 11 Eliz. and the next year, for his courage and fidelity to the crown of England, had the honour of knighthood conferred on him at Carlisle, by the earl of Suffolk. He married Julian, daughter to William Ellerker, of Ellerker, in co. Ebor. Esq; (and Agnes his wife, daughter of Sir Robert Ask, of Aughton, in com. Ebor. Knt.) and was father to 1. Christopher, 2. Thomas, who married Ursula, daughter and coheir of — Carnaby, Esq; and was ancestor to the Musgraves of Bewcastle; 3. Sir Richard, of Norton-Conyers, in Yorkshire, who married Jane, daughter of John Dalston, of Cumberland, Esq; and 4. John, married to Isabel, daughter of Thomas Musgrave, of Hayton-Castle, in Cumberland, Esq; and was ancestor to those of Caterlane.

Christopher Musgrave, Esq; succeeded his father, and married Joan, daughter to Sir Henry Curwen, of Workington, in com. Cumb. Knt. (and Mary his wife, daughter of Sir Nicholas Fairfax, of Gilling, Knt. and Joan his wife, daughter of Sir Guy Palmes, Knt. serjeant at law.) He died in the life-time of his father, and left issue, only one son,

Sir Richard Musgrave, who was successor to his grandfather; he was made knight of the Bath, at the coronation of King Ja. I. and afterwards was advanced to the degree of a baronet, in the ninth year of that king's reign. He enlarged and beautified his castle of Hartley, and being desirous to see foreign countries, travelled abroad, and dying at Naples, 6 Nov. 13 James I. lies buried in the cathedral church there; leaving issue, by Frances his wife, daughter to Philip, lord Wharton,

Sir Philip Musgrave, Bart. his son and heir, aged then seven years. He was committed to the tuition of his uncle Philip, lord Wharton; and when adult, espoused in marriage, Julian, youngest daughter to Sir Richard Hutton, of Goldsbro, in com. Ebor. Knt. one of the judges of the common-pleas. He was returned one of the knights of the shire for the county of Westmoreland, in the parliament which met, April 3, 1640, and again for the same place, in that which met, the November following. In April 1642 (b), disliking the violent proceedings of that parliament, he withdrew from the house of commons, and returned to it no more till after the restoration. Anno 1644, he was made commander in chief of the two counties of Cumberland and Westmoreland, by a commission from the marquiss of Newcastle. He asserted the royal cause with all courage and dutiful allegiance; and

(a) Ex vet. Miss. prædict.

(b) Ex Inform. Dem. Ph. Musgrave, Bar.

and was made governor of the city and citadel of Carlisle. When the king was at York, he waited on his majesty there, and afterwards at Oxford. To the marquis of Newcastle, at York, he sent, first, six hundred soldiers, then eighteen hundred, and afterwards, to prince Rupert, a thousand more, whom he raised and listed in the counties of Cumberland and Westmoreland. After the battle at Marston-Moor, he, with Sir Thomas Glenham, retired to Carlisle; upon the surrender of which garrison, (the last that yielded to the rebels) he attended the king at Cardiff, in Wales. At the desire of some loyal gentlemen, a new regiment of foot being raised in Cumberland, he was appointed colonel of it by the king; but in September following, A. D. 1645, they were all defeated at Rowton-Moor, near Chester (*a*), by Pointz, a rebel-officer, and either killed or taken prisoners; Sir Philip, was among them, and was sent to York; but had some favour shewn to him, by means of his uncle, the lord Wharton, engaged on the other side. Upon his enlargement after being taken at Rowton-Moor (*b*), viz. in April, 1648, he received from Sir Marmaduke Langdale, a new commission, to be commander in chief of the counties of Cumberland and Westmoreland, and having taken Carlisle from the rebels by surprize, was appointed governor thereof. After the battle of Worcester, Sir Philip, attended on his majesty King Charles II. both in France and Holland, and from the latter, waited on him in Scotland, where all the king's servants being enjoined to depart that kingdom within eight days, he retired to the Isle of Man, where he was honourably entertained by the earl of Derby, until that earl received from the king an order to meet him in England, with such forces as he could raise in the island, and that he should send Sir Philip Musgrave to him with all speed. Upon the receipt of this order, Sir Philip, sailed for Scotland, but being so long detained at sea by contrary winds, that the king's army had marched before his arrival, and not being able to escape the vigilance of the rebels, he was forced to desist from his design of following the king, and to stay in Scotland, until the countess of Derby, sent a ship on purpose to fetch him back to the Isle of Man, and appointed him governor; which place he bravely defended, under the countess, until it was reduced to the last extremity; and then, that lady having surrendered upon honourable terms, he had leave to retire to any part of England. At the restoration of King Charles II. A. D. 1660, he was made governor of Carlisle, and had some other reparation made

(*a*) Lord Clarendon says thus of him: At the battle of Chester, there were many persons of quality taken prisoners, amongst the rest, Sir Philip Musgrave, a gentleman of a noble extraction and ample fortune, in Cumberland and Westmoreland; who lived to engage himself again in the same service, and with the same affection, and, after very great sufferings, to see the king's restoration. Vol. II. p. 2. p. 713. 2nd edit.

(*b*) Ex Int. r. Dem.

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made him by the crown, for the sufferings of his family. He had a warrant for creating him baron Musgrave, of Hartley-castle, but never took out the patent. He departed this life at his seat, at Edenhall; Feb. 7. A. D. 167 $\frac{7}{8}$, aged 70 years, in great honour and esteem, for a wise, loyal, and brave man. He lies interred under a monument of white marble, in the chancel of the parish-church of St. Cuthbert, Edenhall, the burial-place of this family, since that estate came into it, with the following inscription (a):

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Philippus Musgrave Baronettus, Proſapia antiquâ Musgraveorum in hoc Agro oriundus, Decus Gentilitium, quod Hæres legitimus acceperat Tanquam Poſſeſſor boni nominis, ſua virtute Auctum, ad Poſteros tranſmiſit In Bello Civili Caroli I. auſpicia ſequebatur Potens Conſilio, opibus, manu. Regias Partes, Fortunâ deferente, non deferuit; Poſt bonorum amiſſionem, & Capitis proſcriptionem De Cauſâ optima tardiſſimè deſperavit. Ob merita egregia, & ob Fidem conſtantiſſimè Patriæ præſtitam, ſibi ſervatam, Carolus Secundus cum diu circumſpiceret ei honorarium ut judicium ſimul & affectus oſtenderet Carlioli donavit Præſecturâ Contra ingentem aliorum ambitum Idem petentium Præmium. Vixit Annos ſeptuaginta Deceſſit Ærâ XTI MDCLXXVII, Feb. VII. Chriſtophorus Muſgrave Filius natu Secundus Eq. Aur. Parenti Indulgentiſſimo Pictatis ergo P.		

His lady, (who died before him ſome years) lies buried in the chancel of the church of St. Cuthbert, Edenhall, with the following inſcription over her (b).

Julian Muſgrave, youngeſt Daughter of Sir Richard Hutton, of Goldſborough, in the County of York, Knt, one of the Judges of the Common-pleas, was Wife to Sir Philip Muſgrave, of Hartley-castle, in the County of Weſtmoreland, Baronet, by whom he had ſix Sons; Richard, the eldeſt, Philip, buried at Charenton, in France, Chriſtopher, William, Simon, Thomas, and one Daughter, named Frances. This pious Lady hav-

(a) Le Neve's Mon. Ang. vol. II. p. 181.

(b) Ibid. p. 71.

ing served God devoutly, all her Days, meekly resign'd her Soul to him, on the 5th Day of March, 1659, in the 53d Year of her Age, and was by her Husband, buried near this Place, and the Grave of her Son, William. Rev. xiv. 13.

He had by this lady, six sons; Sir Richard, Philip, (who died at Charenton, in France;) Sir Christopher, William, Simon, (who was unfortunately drowned,) and Thomas, dean of Carlisle, and prebendary of Durham, who married first, Mary, daughter of Sir Thomas Harrison, of Allerthorp, in the county of York, Knt. (by Margaret, daughter of the lord Darcy, of Hornby-castle, in com. Ebor. Knt.) by whom he had one daughter, Margaret: his second wife was, Anne, daughter of Sir John Cradock, of Richmond, in the same county, Knt. by whom he left no issue. He died March 28, 1686, aged 47, and lies buried (a) in Durham-cathedral. Sir Philip's only daughter, Frances, was married to Edward Hutchinson, of Wickham-abbey, in Yorkshire, Esq;

Sir Richard Musgrave, Bart. eldest son and heir to Sir Philip, succeeded him in title and estate; he was of an infirm constitution, and did not concern himself in any publick affairs, and having married Margaret, daughter of Sir Thomas Harrison, of Allerthorp, in com. Ebor. Knt. left only one daughter, Mary, married to Thomas Davyson, of Blackston, in com. Dunelm. Esq; whereupon,

Sir Christopher Musgrave, Knt. brother to Sir Richard, and third son to Sir Philip, succeeded in the dignity and estate. While he was young, he was very active for the royal cause, and suffered much by imprisonment, and otherwise; (towards the end of the usurpation,) being found to be concerned in Sir George Booth's rising. After the restoration, he had a commission, as captain of the guards, and was knighted; made governor of Carlisle, and lieutenant-general of the ordnance; and in the first year of her majesty Queen Anne, made one of the four tellers of the exchequer. He was twice married; his first lady was Mary, daughter and coheir of Sir Andrew Cogan, of Greenwich, Bart. by whom he had two sons, and one daughter, viz. Philip Musgrave, Esq; hereafter mentioned, Mary, and Christopher. This lady died in childbed, at Carlisle-castle, July, A. D. 1664, in the twenty-eighth year of her age, and lies buried in the chancel of Edenhall. His second lady was, Elizabeth, daughter of Sir John Francklyn, of Willefdon, in Middlesex (b), Knt. by whom he had six sons; John, Richard, who died young, Joseph, who serv'd as representative in parliament for Cocker-mouth, 1713, who is living, and unmarried, Simon, who died in the East-Indies.

(a) Le Neve's Mon. Ang. vol. III. p. 76.

(b) Le Neve's MSS. of the Barons, vol. II. p. 320.

dies, Thomas, who is living, unmarried, and George, storekeeper of the dock at Chatham, who married Sarah, youngest daughter of Mr. Benj. Rosell, relict of lieutenant Young, by whom he has three sons, Joseph, Thomas, and George; Sir Christopher, had also six daughters, Eliz. married to John Wyneve, of Brettenham, in Suffolk, Esq; Dorothy, married to James Hawley, of Brentford, in Middlesex, Esq; (by whom Henry Hawley, now of Brentford, Esq; and James Hawley, of London, M. D.) Mary, who is unmarried, Frances, Anne, and Barbara, who died unmarried. Sir Christopher, represented the city of Carlisle, in parliament, in the reigns of K. Cha. II. K. Ja II. K. Will. III. and Q. Anne, and on all occasions demonstrated himself a loyal subject, an able statesman, and a singular patriot to his country. He died at London, of an apoplexy, July 29, 1704, and lies buried at St. Trinity, in the Minories, near his eldest son, Philip, (who died before him,) having a handsome monument erected for him, at St. Cuthbert, Edenhall, with the following inscription (a):

Christopher Musgrave, Esq; consecrates this Monument to the Memory of his Father, Sir Christopher Musgrave, Knt. and Bart. who died of an Apoplexy, in London, the 29th of July, A. D. 1704, in the 73d Year of his Age, and was buried in the Chapel of Trinity Minories, near the Tower of London. He was married to his first Wife, Mary, on the 31st Day of May, 1660, who was daughter of Sir Andrew Cogan; she died the 11th of July, 1664, and lies here buried: By her he had two Sons, and one Daughter; Philip, Christopher, and Mary. His second Wife was Daughter of Sir John Franklyn, Bart. who died the 11th of April, 1701, and lies here buried by her; he had six Sons, and six Daughters, viz. John, Richard, Joseph, Simon, Thomas, and George: Elizabeth, Dorothy, Frances, Mary, Anne, and Barbara.

In the Reigns of King Charles II. King James II. and Queen Anne, he enjoyed very considerable and honourable Employments; and it is worthy to be remembered, that in his Youth, during our civil Dissensions, when Loyalty was criminal, he was active and faithful to the Crown: In his riper Years, when Faction and Sedition prevailed, he gave constant and useful Proof of his Affection and Fidelity to his Prince; when the Laws, Liberty, and Religion of his Country were insulted and invaded, he chose to sacrifice his Fortune and Employments to his Integrity, whose Service, for the space of forty Years in Parliament, the Sphere wherein his Abilities shin'd with greatest Lustre, affords such and so many Instances of sublime Vertue, as are as hard to praise as imitate.

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His first lady lies buried in the chancel of the church of St. Cuthbert, Edenhall, in Cumberland, with the following inscription over her (a):

Here lies Mary Musgrave, Wife to Sir Christopher Musgrave, second son to Sir Philip Musgrave, Baronet. She was eldest Daughter, and one of the Coheirs of Sir Andrew Cogan, of East-Greenwich, in the County of Kent, Baronet. She dyed in Childbed, at Carlisle-castle, the 8th (b) Day of July, 1664, being the 28th Year of her Age, and left three Children, Philip, Mary, and Christopher.

Philip, eldest son of Sir Christopher, was a gentleman of great hopes, and had all the advantages of education, both at home and abroad. He married 12 November, 1685, Mary, eldest daughter to George Legg, lord Dartmouth, then master-general of the ordnance. He was clerk of the council in the reign of King James II. and clerk of the deliveries in the ordnance; and dying 2 July, 1689, much lamented by all that knew him; was buried in the chapel of Trinity Minories, (where his father-in-law, the lord Dartmouth, was afterwards buried, 1691.) having a handsome monument erected to his memory, at Edenhall, with the following inscription (c):

To the Memory of Philip Musgrave, Esq;
Eldest Son of Sir Christopher Musgrave, of Edenhall, in the County of Cumberland, Knt. and Bart. by Mary, his first Wife, Daughter of Sir Andrew Cogan, of Greenwich, in the County of Kent, Bart. who having had all the advantages of Education at home, and Travail abroad, was qualified at the Age of 25 Years, to serve his Majesty King Charles II. as Clerk of the Council, and one of the principal Officers of the Ordinance, and his Country also in Parliament. He was born in London, March (d) 21, 1660. He married Mary, eldest Daughter of George, Lord Dartmouth, Master-General of the Ordinance: And died July 2, 1689, being buried near his Father-in-law, in the Chapel of Trinity Minories, near the Tower of London—He left two Children, Barbara, and Christopher, who are now part of the surviving Hopes of that ancient Family, whereof he was so great an Ornament; having in every condition of his Life, approved himself a good Christian, a loyal Subject, a dutiful Son, an obliging Husband, a tender Father, and a faithful Friend.

He left a son and a daughter; Christopher, (afterwards Sir Christopher) and Barbara, married to Thomas Howard, of Corby-castle, in Cumberland, Esq;

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(a) Le Neve's Mon. Ang. vol. II. p. 103. (b) In Sir Philip's copy of Sir Christopher's inscription on the other side, 'tis said, she died the 11th. (c) From Sir Phil. Musgrave, Bart. tho' Le Neve, in his Mon. Ang. vol. III. p. 98. says, he died July 2, 1688, and Stow, in his Survey of London, vol. I. B. 2. p. 15, says, 1688. (d) Le Neve in his Mon. Ang. vol. III. p. 98, makes it May.

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Christopher Musgrave, Esq; youngest son of Sir Christopher, by his first lady, was born at Carlisle, and bred to the law; and, upon the death of his elder brother, succeeded him as clerk of the council: He serv'd the city of Carlisle as their representative in parliament, in the reign of Queen Anne, and was principal officer of the ordnance. He died a batchelor, Sept. 1718, and lies buried in Westminster-Abby.

To the Memory of Christopher Musgrave, Esq; youngest Son of Sir Christopher Musgrave, Knt. and Baronet, of Edenhall, in the County of Cumberland, by his first Wife, Mary Cogan, Daughter and Heiress of Sir Andrew Cogan, Bart. He died a Batchelor, in the 55th Year, the 10th of Sept. 1718, and was buried in Westminster-Abby. He was one of the principal Officers of the Office of Ordnance 25 Years, and in the Reign of our late most gracious Sovereign Queen Anne, he was sworn Clerk in ordinary of the Privy-Council, which Employment, though he waited many Years for, as Clerk in extraordinary, he executed but few before he obtained her Majesty's Leave to resign it to his Nephew, Sir Christopher Musgrave; and in the whole course of his Life, he was not less mindful of any of his Relations, when it was in his power to serve them.

Sir Christopher Musgrave, Bart. only son and heir of Philip, on his grandfather's death, succeeded to the estate and dignity. As soon as he had passed thro' his education at Eaton, and Christchurch, Oxon, and was come of age, his uncle, Christopher, by leave of the late queen, resigned to him the place of a clerk of her majesty's most honourable privy-council, which his father had enjoyed but few years. He serv'd in parliament for the city of Carlisle, in the last parliament of Queen Anne, and for the county of Cumberland, 8 Geo. I. and, by his late majesty King George, was continued in his post: He married, 21 June, A. D. 1711, Julia, daughter to Sir John Chardin, Knt. by whom he left issue, four sons; Sir Philip his successor, Christopher, Hans, and Chardin, all unmarried; and seven daughters (*a*); Mary, married to Hugh Lumley, of Ballymaloe, in the kingdom of Ireland, Esq; Julia, married to Edward Hasel, of Dalemaine, in Cumberland, Esq; Barbara, married to John Hog, of Cammo, in Scotland, Esq; Anne, Elizabeth, Charlotte, and Dorothy, all as yet unmarried. He died Jan. 3, 1735, at Penwortham, in Lancashire, at the seat of his friend and relation, Henry Fleetwood, Esq; in which church, according to his own desire, he lies buried, with the following inscription on his monument (*b*):

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To the Memory
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Of Edenhall, Baronet;
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He had four Sons
By Julia, Daughter of Sir John Chardin, Knt.
Philip, Christopher, Hans, and Chardin:
And seven Daughters;
Mary, Julia, Barbara, Anne,
Elizabeth, Charlotte, and Dorothy,
All living at his Death.
He succeeded his Uncle, Christopher Musgrave
As Clerk of the Council:
He serv'd the City of Carlisle
As their Representative
In the last Parliament of Queen Anne,
And the County of Cumberland,
As Knight of the Shire,
In the second Parliament of King George I.
He was born the 25th of Dec. 1688.
He died the 3d of Jan. 1735,
At the House of his Friend and Relation,
Henry Fleetwood, of Penwortham,
In the County of Lancaster, Esq;
And by his own Desire lies buried
In the Chancel of that Parish-Church.
Philip, his Son and Heir
Caused this Monument to be erected.

Sir Philip Musgrave, his eldest son, succeeded him in the title and estate; and is the present baronet, as yet unmarried.

ARMS: Azure, six Annulets, three, two, one, Or. Alluding to the Arms of the Lords Vipont; which were the same in Substance, both in Charge and Position alike, and only different in Tincture.

CREST: Out of a Wreath, two Arms counterly embow'd, arm'd, and gauntled, proper, exhibiting an Annulet, Or.

MOTTO: *Sans changer.*

SEATS: At *Hartley-castle*, in *Westmoreland*, and *Edenball*, in *Cumberland*.

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(EDWARD, ESQUIRE,)

Created BARONET, June 29, 1611.

THIS is a family of great note and antiquity; for among those that entered England with William the conqueror, or soon after, were those named Seymour; they were anciently written Saint Maure (*a*), named from some village in Normandy, and in old Latin records, D. S. Mauro.

The earliest and most certain information concerning this family, and the place of their residence, is given us by Camden, in his Britannia (*b*), (in Monmouthshire) in these words: ‘Not far from Caldecot, are Wondy and Penhow, the seats formerly of the illustrious family of St. Maur, now corruptly call’d Seymour. For we find that about the year 1240 (in order to wrest Wondy out of the hands of the Welsh) G. Marshal, earl of Pembroke, was obliged to assist William of St. Maur; from whom was descended, Roger of St. Maur, Knt. who married one of the heiresses of the illustrious John Beauchamp, the noble baron of Hache, &c.’

Vincent, in his MS. baronage in the college of arms, has transcribed the Latin record, viz. *Gilbertus Marecallus Comes Pembrochiæ tenetur præbere Dn° Willō de S. Mauro consilium & auxilium in quantum poterit, secundum lege Angliæ ad perquirendum manerium de Woundy de Morgano filio Hoeli, tali conditione, quod si præd. Willus dictum manerium perquirere poterit, dictus Gilbertus habebit medietatem dicti manerii, & aliam medietatem faciat extendi dicto Willō per probos, & legales homines ad hoc. ex eaque parte electos. Ita quod pro quolibet Summā 20l. redditus dictus Gilbertus dabit Willō de S. Mauro decem libras. Et quod idem Willus de S. Mauro teneat medietatem dicti manerii in manu sua donec inde plenam solutionem, sicut præscriptum est, receperit. Et si forte contigerit, quod eidem Willō de consilio dictus Gilbertus defecerit, dictus Willus de S. Mauro remaneat solutus & quietus de obligatione quia dictus Gilbertus fecit super dictum manerium de Woundy.*

Whether the earl of Pembroke performed his part of this covenant, it does not appear. But certain it is, this Sir William St. Maur (for Vincent assures us he was a knight) soon after became master of Woundy, Penhow, &c. in Monmouthshire, and at the last

(*a*) Camden's Remains, p. 141, 8vo edit.(*b*) Vol. II. p. 714, 715.(*a*) Col

last of those places fixed the seat of his family. The church of Penhow was dedicated to St. Maur, their park there was called by their own name; and here likewise they had their castle, which continued in the family to Henry VIIIth's time (a); for in a letter of the earl of Hertford, to Sir J. Thynne, he desires him to inform him, to whom his grandfather had sold Seymour-castle, in Wales.

Sir Roger de St. Mauro, was the son and heir of Sir William. He was lord of the manor of Woundy, as appears by an assize, anno 53 Henry III. wherein it was found, that Roger de St. Maur, ought to have Houfebote and Heybote at his house at Woundy, by the moiety of Magor-park, and upon his fee of Woundy, by the feoffment of Barth. de Moor. And in a grant of his of a messuage to Thomas Eliot, of the chapel at Woundy, his seal appendant was a pair of wings, circumscrib'd *Sigill. Rogeri de Seimor*. This Sir Roger, died before the 28th of King Edward I.

Roger de St. Mauro, the second of that christian name, was the son and heir of Sir Roger. He was lord of Penhow, and Woundy, and was living in the 8th of King Edward II. as appears from an inquisition of Gilbert de Clare, earl of Gloucester, where it is mentioned, that Roger de Seymour, William de Gamage, and their Tenants in Woundy, are answerable in pleas of the crown, in the court of Caerleon. This Roger, married the daughter and heir of — Damarel, of Devonshire, whose arms were Gules, three Crescents, Or.

The son of this Roger de S. Mauro, was called also Roger, and was of Even-Swindon, in com. Wilton. who, by his marriage with Cecilia, one of the daughters and heirs of John de Beauchamp, baron of Hache, &c. in com. Som. considerably added to the fortunes, as well as the dignity of his family, and was the cause of their removal into Somersetshire, to their very great advantage. On this occasion I chuse to represent, in the learned Camden's own words, the great accession that accrued to the honour of this family, by this noble alliance.

' From this William de St. Maur, who first settled at Woundy, ' descended Roger de St. Maur, Knt. who married one of the ' heiresses of the illustrious John Beauchamp, the noble baron of ' Hache, who was descended from Sibyl, one of the coheiresses of ' that most puissant William Marshal, earl of Pembroke, and ' from William Ferrars, earl of Derby, Hugh de Vivon, and ' William Malet, men of eminent worth in their times. The ' nobility of all which, as also of several others, have (as may be ' made evident) concentrated in the right honourable Edward de ' St. Maur, or Seymour, (now) earl of Hertford, a singular en-

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(a) Collins's Peerage of England, vol. I, p. 24, &c.

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‘courage of virtue and learning, for which qualification he is deservedly famous.’

Of which family of Beauchamp, he also gives the following account, in the county of Somerset.

‘The Beauchamps, otherwise called de Bellocampa, have flourished in great honour from the time of Henry II. especially since Cecilia de Fortibus, descended from the earls de Ferraris, and from that famous marshal of England, William, earl of Pembroke, was married into this family. But in the reign of Edward III. the estate was divided by sisters, between Roger de S. Mauro, or Seymour, and John Meriel, both of them sprung from ancient and honourable ancestors. This was the cause why Henry VIII. after he had married Jane Seymour, Edward VIth’s mother, made Edward Seymour, her brother, viscount Beauchamp, whom King Edward VI. afterwards advanced to the honour of duke of Somerset.’

The said Cicely had assigned for her share, on the partition of the inheritance of the Beauchamps, the manors of Hache, Shepton-Beauchamp, Murifield, and the third part of the manor of Shepton-Malet, in com. Somers. also certain lands in Sturminster-Marshal, in com. Dorset. the manors of Boulbury, and Haberton, in com. Devon. the manors of Dourton, in com. Bucks; Little-Haw, in com. Suff. and two parts of the manor of Selling, in com. Kanc. She survived her husband, and afterwards married Sir—Turberville, Knt. (a) and died in 17 Rich. II. seized of the manor of Shepton-Beauchamp, and the advowson of the church, Roger Seymour, son of William Seymour, being her grandson and heir, and then of the age of 27 years.

Which William, of Even-Swindon, in 30 Edw. III. attended the prince of Wales, into Gascony, and on that account had the king’s letters of protection, dated at Bamberg, the 8th of February, in the same year. He had to wife, Margaret, daughter and heir of Simon de Brookeby, of the county of Hereford, by Joan, sister and heir of Sir Peter de la Mare, Knt. and died in 13 Rich. II. leaving the beforementioned Roger, his son and heir, of full age.

This Roger, married Maud, daughter and coheir to Sir William Esturmy, of Chadham, in com. Wilts, Knt. lord of Wolfhall, in the same county, whose ancestors were bailiffs and guardians of the forest of Savernake, by right of inheritance, from the time of King Henry II. The said Roger Seymour, died in 10 Henry V. leaving John, his son and heir, twenty years of age and upwards, who, by inquisition then taken, in the county of Gloucester, was found cousin and heir to Sir Peter de la Mare, Knt.

(a) Pedigrees per Glover, Somerset, p. 101.

Knt. viz. son of Margaret, daughter of Joan, sister of the said Peter.

Which John Seymour, of Even-Swindon, was a very noted and active person, having been sheriff of several counties, and in other publick offices. In 9 Hen. VI. he was sheriff of the county of Southampton *(a)*, and the year following *(b)* for Wiltshire. In 12 Henry VI. when the title of the house of York was set on foot, and all persons of note in the several counties of England were summoned to take the oaths to preserve the peace for themselves and retainers, he appeared in Wiltshire, and is the first mentioned in the list, after the knights in that county. He was that year sheriff of Dorset and Somersetshire, and knighted before the fifteenth year of King Henry VI. when he was again sheriff of the county of Southampton. He was likewise in the same office for Wiltshire, in 29 Hen. VI. and one of the knights for the said county, in the parliament held at Reading, in 31 Hen. VI. *(c)* also the year following, was a third time sheriff of Southampton, and departed this life *(d)* in the fourth year of the reign of King Edward IV. He had issue, by Isabel his wife, daughter and heir of William Mac-Williams, of Bristol, John Seymour, Esq; his son and heir.

The said John, was sheriff of Wiltshire, in 36 Henry VI. *(e)* and died the year before his father, viz. in 3 Ed. IV. having taken to wife Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Sir Robert Coker, of Lawrence-Lydiard, in com. Somers. (who surviving him, afterwards married Sir Nicholas Carew, of Haccomb, in com. Devon. Knt. *(f)*) by whom he left two sons, John, and Humphrey Seymour, of Even-Swindon, who married Elizabeth, daughter and one of the heirs of Thomas Winslow, of Burton, in com. Oxon. from whom the Seymours of Oxfordshire descended, and I presume, those of Hanford, in com. Dorset. who have a Chief, charged with the Marlets, as an additional distinction to their arms.

John Seymour, of Wolf-hall, Esq; the eldest son, was fourteen years of age at the death of his grandfather. He took to his first wife, Elizabeth, daughter to Sir George Darel, of Littlecote, in com. Wilts, by Margaret his wife, daughter of John, lord Stourton. Which Sir George, was keeper of the great wardrobe to King Edward IV. and son of Sir William Darel, undertreasurer of England, who, by marrying Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Thomas Calston, of Littlecote, Esq; became lord of that place, but was descended from the Darel, of Sezay, in Yorkshire, anciently called De Hairel, as Camden tells us, in Buckinghamshire.

(a) Fuller's Worthies in eod. com. *(b)* Ibid. *(c)* MS. Penes B. Will's Arm.
(d) Vincent's Baronage. *(e)* Fuller's Worthies. *(f)* Glover's Pedigrees of the Nobility, p. 102.

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shire. The issue of this John Seymour by her, were four sons, and as many daughters; viz. 1. Sir John Seymour, hereafter mentioned. 2. Sir George Seymour, sheriff of Wiltshire, in 14 Hen. VII. 3. Sir Robert Seymour; and 4. Sir William Seymour, made knight of the Bath, at the marriage of Prince Arthur, eldest son to King Henry VII. and by his will, dated 3 Sept. 1503. 19 Hen. VII. bequeaths all his lands to dame Elizabeth Byconyll, his mother; and to Margaret his wife, his manor of North-Moulton, in Devonshire, for her life, with lands in Somersetshire, to the value of 40s. per annum, and orders his body to be buried in Joseph of Aramathea's chapel, in the abby of Glastonbury. The daughters were, Margaret, married to Sir Nicholas Wadham; Jane, the wife of Sir John Huddleston, of Marlestone, in com. Cumbr. Elizabeth, espoused to John Croft, Esq; and Catherine, died a maiden.

He had also a second wife, daughter of Robert Harden, by whom he had issue, Roger Seymour, of Andover, Esq; who left four daughters, his coheirs.

Sir John Seymour, beforementioned, the eldest son, succeeded his father in 7 Hen. VII. and was one of the commanders of those forces that vanquished the lord Audley, and the Cornish rebels at Blackheath, in Kent (*a*), in 12 Hen. VII. where, for his valiant deportment, he was knighted by the king in the field of battle; and serving king Henry VIII. in his wars in France and Flanders, had the honour of knight-banneret conferred on him, in the fifth year of his reign, for his gallant behaviour at the siege of Therouene and Tournay, and the battle that ensued, called by our historians, the battle of Spurs (*b*). In 7 Hen. VIII. he was sheriff of Dorset and Somersetshire (*c*), and also 18 Hen. VIII. and was twice sheriff for Wiltshire, in 10 and 16 Hen. VIII. In 9 Hen. VIII. being then one of the knights for the body of that king (*d*), he obtained a grant of the constablewick of Bristol castle to himself, and Edward his son, in as ample a manner as Giles, lord D'Aubeny, held the same. In the year 1520, he attended on King Henry VIII. (*e*) at the great interview with Francis, the French king, between Guisnes and Ardres, having in his retinue, one chaplain, eleven servants, and eight led horses. Also when the Emperor Charles V. came into England, in 14 Hen. VIII. 1522, he was appointed (*f*) to attend the king at Canterbury, the 27th of May, in order to his reception. In 22 Hen. VIII. he was one of the five of the county of Wilts (*g*), who were appointed to enquire into the possessions of cardinal

Wolsey;

(*a*) Nom. Equit. in Bib. Cott. Claudius, C. 3. (*b*) Nom. Equit. ibid. (*c*) Fuller's Worthies in eod. com. (*d*) Dugdale's Baron. vol. II. p. 361. (*e*) E. lib. MS. cont. Nom. Nob. &c. a temp. R. Steph. ad H. 8. Not. B. 5. in Bib. Jo. Anst. Arm. (*f*) Rymer's Fœdera, tom. 13. p. 768. (*g*) Ibid. tom. 14. p. 404.

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Wolsey; and at the second interview with Francis, the French king, at Bulloign, in the year 1532 (24 Hen. VIII.) was one of the grooms (a) of the chamber, and waited on his sovereign.

He had the honour of having his eldest daughter Jane, married to King Henry VIII. who was not only inclined to this marriage by his own affections, but by the humble petition and intercession of most of the nobles of his realm, moved thereunto, as well by the conveniency of her years, as in respect that by her excellent beauty, and pureness of flesh and blood, she was apt (God willing) to conceive issue, as it is worded in the act of succession, 28 Hen. VIII.

This Sir John Seymour, departed this life on December 21, 1536, (28 Hen. VIII.) in the sixtieth year of his age, and had sepulture in Easton-Priory church, in com. Wilts. but on the dissolution thereof, his remains were removed and buried in the chancel of the parish-church of Great Bedwin. His lady (who was Margaret, daughter of Sir John Wentworth, of Nettlested, in com. Suff. and Anne his wife, daughter and heir of Sir John Say, Knt. (b)) survived him, and died in the year 1550, (5 Edw. VI.) as her last testament, and the probat thereof shews: 'Wherein (c) she bequeaths her body to be buried, as her executors think fit; leaves divers legacies of plate, jewels, &c. to her relations, and mentions Edward Seymour, and Henry Seymour, sons of the duke of Somerset, as her godsons, and constitutes her son, Sir Henry Seymour, Executor.'

Their issue were, six sons, and four daughters; 1. Jane, married (as before was said) to King Henry VIII. and mother to the pious King Edward VI. of whom she died in childbed, greatly lamented by the whole realm, being reputed (as our historians of that time relate) not only the fairest, but the discreetest of all the king's wives; and her death so much afflicted the king, who always found her humble and loyal, that notwithstanding several offers made to him, he continued a widower more than two years. Elizabeth, second daughter, was married first to Sir Anthony Oughtred, Knt. governor of Jersey (d); secondly, to Gregory, lord Cromwel (son and heir of Thomas Cromwel, earl of Essex, knight of the most noble order of the garter;) and thirdly, to John, lord St. John, of Basing, afterwards marquis of Winchester; Margery, third daughter, died an infant; and Dorothy, was

(a) MS. in Bib. Jo. Anstis, Ar. (b) Glover's Pedig. of Nob. p. 102. (c) Ex Regist. Coode qu. 29. (d) Mr. Falle, in his Account of Jersey, p. 189. says, 'Sir Anthony, was nearly allied by his wife, to Queen Anne Boleyn, and not unworthy of that alliance: He had been governor of Berwick, and eminently distinguished himself in the Scottish wars. Notwithstanding his relation to the court, and what further expectations he might have from it, he lived and died in the island, and was buried in St. George's chapel.'

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was wedded first to Sir Clement Smith, of Little Badow, in Essex, Knt. and after his decease, to Thomas Leventhorp, a younger brother of Edward Leventhorp, of Stringey-hall, in com. Hertford. Esq. The six sons were, 1. John, who died unmarried, July 15, 1520. Edward Seymour, second son, duke of Somerset. Sir Henry, third son, possess'd of the large manors of Marvell, and Twyford, in com. Southampton. and knighted at the coronation of King Edward VI. being one of the forty in substitution of knights (*a*) of the Bath, that were not created for want of time to perform the ceremony: He left a family at Marvell aforesaid, which is now extinct. Sir Thomas Seymour, fourth son, was created lord Seymour, of Sudeley: He distinguished himself in several military commands, and was 35 Hen. VIII. marshal of the forces that were sent in aid of Maximilian the emperor, against the French king; as also of those forces sent into France, under his brother Edward, earl of Hertford. 1 Edw. VI. he was advanced to the title of lord Seymour, of Sudeley, elected one of the knights of the most noble order of the garter (*b*), and made lord admiral of England. But having married Catherine Parr, the widow of the deceased King Hen. VIII. and being by this match possessed of great wealth, he grew turbulent, was full of ambitious designs, and formed conspiracies, &c. whereupon he was committed to the tower, and articles of high treason were preferr'd against him; and being attainted by parliament, was beheaded March 20, 1549 (*c*). John, and Anthony, fifth and sixth sons, died young.

Edward Seymour, eldest son, was educated, first at Oxford, and after some stay there, removed to Cambridge (*d*); from whence, returning to his father at court, when martial achievements were encouraged by King Henry VIII. he took early to arms, spent his youth in the wars, and landing at Calais with the duke of Suffolk, the 24th of August 1523, (15 Hen. VIII.) was in that expedition, and at the taking of Bray, Roye, and Montdidier, in France, where shewing a prudent conduct and valiant behaviour, he had the honour of knighthood conferred on him, by the duke of Suffolk, at Roye (*e*), on Allhallows-day, the same year. In 16 Hen. VIII. being one of the esquires (*f*) of the king's household, he was one of the challengers before the king, in the Tilt-yard, at Greenwich, on his keeping a royal Christmas there. In 19 Hen. VIII. he accompanied cardinal Wolsey, who went in great state on an embassy to the French king, and was received with the highest honour. In 24 Hen. VIII. being

(*a*) Nom. Equit. præd. (*b*) Ashmole's Order of the Garter, p. 265. (*c*) See the whole proceedings against him, in State Tryals, fol. vol. VII. p. 1. (*d*) Wood's Athenæ Oxon. vol. I. p. 81. (*e*) Nom. Equit. præd. (*f*) MS. in Bib. Jo. Ar. 215, Ar.

being 'squire for the body to the king, he was in that gallant train which attended their sovereign to Bulloign, at his interview with Francis, the French king. On his sister's marriage with King Henry VIII. he was one of the knights for the body (a), but on that solemnity, he had the title of viscount Beauchamp, bestowed on him, by reason of his descent from an heir female of that house (as before is shewn) and the same year (28 Henry VIII.) with Sir Richard Buckley, Knt. had a grant of the office (b) of chancellor and chamberlain of North-Wales, for life; as also made captain of the isle of Jersey, upon the surrender of that command, by the lord Vaux (c).

On the 18th of October, 1537, (29 Henry VIII.) he was created earl of Hertford; and in 32 Henry VIII. as cousin and heir to Sir William Sturmy, Knt. viz. son of Sir John Seymour, Knt. son of John Seymour, Esq; son of Sir John Seymour, Knt. son of Maud, daughter and heir to Sir William Sturmy, Knt. he had livery of Sturmy's lands. Also the same year was sent over to France, to dispute the limits of the English borders; and on his return, was elected at Hampton-court (Jan. 9.) one of the knights companions of the most noble order of the garter (d).

In 33 Hen. VIII. on the Scotch denying their homage (e), he accompanied the duke of Norfolk, in his expedition into Scotland. In 34 Hen. VIII. he was made lord great-chamberlain of England for life; and the same (f) year, made lieutenant-general of the North. In 36 Hen. VIII. with an army well furnish'd, he embark'd for Scotland, with 200 sail of ships, and landing in the Frith, took Leith, and Edinburgh, and after plundering and burning them, march'd by land into England. And afterwards, the same year, the king being then at the siege of Bulloign (g), he came to him with several troops of Almains, &c. and on the taking thereof, routed an army of 14000 French, who lay encamped hard by.

In 37 Henry VIII. the Scots making several incursions on the borders,

(a) Baron of England, vol. II. p. 361. (b) Privat. Sign. 28 H. 8. (c) Mr. Vaux, in his Account of the Island of Jersey, p. 189, and 190, observes, 'The lord Vaux was ambitious of having the government of Jersey, and withal so imprudent, as to part with a good estate in Northamptonshire, to Sir Arthur Darcy, in exchange for the same, even before he was assured whether the king would, or would not, confirm the convention between them two. When he came to apply for that purpose, the king plainly told him, *He would not trust the keeping of such an island as Jersey to one who could not keep his own lands*; yet gave him leave to demise the office to a third person, whom his majesty should approve, and to receive a recompence for it. Sir Edward Seymour, viscount Beauchamp, was the purchaser; whose great rise afterwards, even to the peerage, being a testimony, not allowing of his coming amongst us, he govern'd us by deputies, being ever ready to hear favourably the complaints for which they too often gave occasion, and to do the inhabitants justice. When the good lord fell into his troubles, he willingly resigned the government to Sir Hugh Paulet. (d) Ashmole's Order of the Garter, p. 265. (e) Herbert's Hen. 8. in Hist. Eng. vol. II. p. 233. (f) Ibid. p. 242. (g) Ibid. 245.

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borders, in conjunction with 5000 auxiliaries from France; he being sent against them (*a*), destroyed all the towns upon the middle marches, and passing towards the West, made great spoil in those parts. Soon after, the French endeavouring to regain Bulloign, he forced them to retreat, and pursuing the enemy, besides the slaughter, gained several trophies of his success.

In 38 Hen. VIII. he was elected chancellor of the university of Cambridge; and the same year, the earl of Surry, governor of Bulloign, being laid aside, he was sent thither with an army of 9300 men to oppose the French, then making head. After which, on proposals of peace, he was constituted the chief of the commissioners for that treaty, and meeting betwixt Guisnes and Ardres, a peace was concluded. And the king lying on his death-bed, by his will left him a legacy of 500l. and appointed him one of the council to his son, as also one of his executors (*b*); after whose decease (Jan. 28, 1547,) he immediately repaired to the young king, at Hertford, and conducting him to London, was, by the council, (Feb. 1.) unanimously elected protector of the realm, and governor of the king's person, until he should accomplish the age of eighteen years. On the 10th of February following, he was constituted lord-treasurer of England: And though he had the titles of viscount Beauchamp, and earl of Hertford, yet being no baron, he was advanced to that degree of honour on the 15th of the same month, with limitation to the heirs male of his body, by Anne, his second wife, remainder (*c*) to Edward Seymour, his son, by Catherine, his first wife; and by the title of baron Seymour, *That the name of that family, as the king declares in the patent, from which his most beloved mother, Jane, late queen of England, drew her beginning, might not be clouded by any higher title or colour of dignity.* Also the next day, he was created duke of Somerset, and to the heirs male of his body, by Anne his second wife, and for default of such issue, to the said Edward Seymour, Esq; son of him the said duke, and the lady Catherine, his first wife; and the heirs male of the body of the said Edward Seymour; and for default of such issue, to the heirs male of the body of the said duke, to be lawfully begotten on any other wife.

Likewise on the 17th of February, in consideration of his good, laudible, and acceptable services, he had a grant of the office of earl-martial of England, for life, in as ample manner as John Mowbray, duke of Norfolk, or Thomas, duke of Norfolk, (lately attainted of high treason) or any other earl-marshal of England, held or occupied: As also, that the said duke, as well in the king's presence as absence, might carry a golden staff, tipped at

(*a*) Ibid. 251. (*b*) Ex Regist. vocat Allen in Cur. Prærog. Cant. qu. 32. & Rymer. to m. XV. p. 117. (*c*) Collins's Peerage, vol. I. p. 31, & seq.

at each end with black, and at the upper end thereof, the king's arms, and at the lower end, his own arms. Moreover, on the 12th of March following, he had a patent for that great office of protector and governor of the king and his realms; also on the 9th of July, a grant of 8000 marks per annum, during the time he should be protector. He had likewise a special grant, that he should sit alone, and be placed at all times, as well in the king's presence in parliament, as in his absence, on the middle of the bench or stool, standing next on the right hand of the king's royal seat in parliament; that he should hear all causes, grant degrees of honour, &c. with several other great privileges and honours, specified in the grant (a).

In the first year of his administration, he warily made a peace with France, turning all his thoughts to bring about the match of Mary Stewart, sole daughter and heir to James V. king of Scotland, with his nephew, King Edward; and to that end, first assailed the Scotch nobility by friendly letters, remembering them of the promises, seals, and oaths, which, by publick authority, had passed for concluding the marriage; as also, that the two princes were agreeable, both for years and princely qualities, to be joined together, and thereby knit both realms into one, which would be profitable as well as honourable to both kingdoms. But these, and many other reasons that were enforced by the protector, taking no effect, the king, by the advice of his council, granted him a commission, with large powers; whereby, having prepared an army, he invaded Scotland, and fought that memorable battle at Musselburgh; wherein his undaunted courage, as well as conduct, were the principal means of gaining that signal victory, which put an end to the Scots ever making head again (to any purpose) against the English.

But not long after this, his power and near alliance to the king, exposed him to the envy of the nobility, so that they sought means to divest him of his places: And in the third year of the king, the major part withdrawing from the court, by the subtle artifices of John viscount Lisle, (earl of Warwick, after duke of Northumberland) they secretly combined to ruin him.

The nature of this work will not admit a full relation of the troubles that befel the duke, and therefore I shall refer my reader to Hollinshed's chronicle, and the historians of those times; but the course his enemies took to bring him under their power, was in part thus: They summoned armed men, horse and foot, to repair to them from every county, to oppose the duke and his men; giving out to the gentry the great dangers the king's person was in, and the necessity of rescuing him out of the duke's hands; whose doings they called *traiterous and false, and his proceedings devilish*.

(a) Colline's Peerage of England, vol. I. p. 31, 32, 33.

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devilish. But on his submission, and surrendring the king's person, which he was prevailed on to do, to prevent the effusion of blood, the lords dispatched another letter, dated from London, October 11, to forbear the sending up the forces they required.

The duke was committed to the Tower on the 14th of October, and after continuing a prisoner about three months, his enemies finding they could not convict him of any crime which might touch his life, they underhand dealt with him to submit himself, with acknowledgment that he had deserved his imprisonment, or whatever greater punishment the king should be pleased to inflict on him; and withal, to implore the favour of his majesty's royal clemency. To this he easily condescended, and was fined by act of parliament (a) 2000*l.* per annum, and lost all his goods and offices; but, on the 16th of February, had a full pardon; tho' he was not restored to the dignity of protector, or any other of his great places, only contenting himself with the rank of a privy counsellor. And it being conceived, that revenge might draw the duke to new practices, his friends mediated a reconciliation between him and the earl of Warwick; which, that it might be more firm and sincere, the duke's daughter, on the 3d of June, is married to the viscount Lisle, the earl of Warwick's son, the king gracing the nuptials with his presence.

His estate thereby being mostly forfeited, and given to the crown by parliament, the king, of his special favour, and at the humble petition of the lords of his council, by patent sealed June 4, 1550, gave him back some lands, which were part of the inheritance of his ancestors, viz. the castle of Marlborough, and all his lordships and manors of Barton, Ludgarshal, Alborn, and Old Wotton, and his parks of Ludgarshal, Great Vastern, Little Vastern, Alborn-Chase, and Alborn-Warren, and the forests, and the liberties of the forests of Bradon, and Savernake, with the appurtenances, in the county of Wilts; and divers other lordships, manors, lands, and tenements, in the counties of Wilts, Southampton, Dorset, Somerset, Middlesex, Berks, and Bucks. And June the 14th, in consideration of the castle and lordship of Slesford, and other lands and manors in the county of Lincoln, the king, by patent of the same date, gave him all and singular the messuages, lands, tenements, and hereditaments, with the appurtenances, in the town of Glastonbury, in the county of Somerset, and other lands and tenements in Kingston, upon Hull.

And on the next day (June 5, 1550, 4 Edw. VI.) the king, by the advice of his council, grants to his dear and entirely beloved uncle, Edward, duke of Somerset, authority and licence, during life, to retain two hundred persons resident within his dominions, and at his will and pleasure, to give them his livery, badges,

(a) See State Tryals, fol. vol. VII. p. 14.

badges and cognizance, over and above all such servants as attend him in his household, or are under him in any office or offices, of stewardship, &c.

The parliament begun to sit, the 4th of November following, and broke up the 1st of February: And it appears that the commons still favoured the duke of Somerset, and consulted his restoration to the office of protector of the king's person, but by their prorogation were prevented. However, they intended the next session, to endeavour at it, and in the mean time, to prepare the lords for it: And Whaley, the receiver of Yorkshire, speaking to divers noblemen about it, was, on that account, brought into trouble; the earl of Rutland being one that was witness against him.

Not long after, as appears by a letter from the earl of Warwick, to the lord Paget, and other letters in the Cotton-library, (Titus B. 2.) feuds began to be visible between the parties of the duke of Somerset, and the said earl of Warwick, the king shewing his uncle favour. And, considering his narrow circumstances, having not only been stripped of all his beneficial places, but also of his lands and revenues, to ease the duke in all he could, being to send hostages into France, consisting of persons of the best nobility, that might answer the quality of the French hostages sent hither, his majesty, among the rest, made choice of the earl of Hertford, the duke's heir, and was at the charge of setting him out (as appears by the king's warrant-book) which he did not do by any of the others. Also about the same time, the duke received 500*l.* bequeathed to him by King Henry's last will, which was paid, in consideration of his present occasions; the legacy having in effect, been before satisfied, when in the first year of the king, he had divers grants in consideration of services, and for fulfilling the king's will: As it ran in the book of sales.

In April 1551, the duke was made lord-lieutenant of the counties of Buckingham and Berkshire; but soon after the ill-cemented affections of the dukes of Somerset and Northumberland (for that title he had lately attained) dissolved into open enmity. In the prosecution whereof, Somerset (as some write) provoked by continual injuries, resolved to murder Northumberland; and to that end, under colour of a visit, came privily armed to his lodging, attended by seconds. But finding him in his bed, and being courteously entertained, did not execute what he purposed. Whereupon, at his departure, one of the company, (Sir J. Thynn, his secretary) asking him whether he had done the feat, and he saying, no; the other replied, then you are undone. This his intent, being by his own party betrayed, he, with the lord Grey, of Wilton, was sent to the Tower, on October 16, 1551; and the next day, his dutchess, Sir John Thynn, Sir Michael

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chael Stanhope, and other of his friends, were committed to the same place. And on the 21st of October, the lord Paget was carried to the Fleet by a guard; and from thence, he, with the earl of Arundel, were sent to the Tower, charged with being privy to the duke's practices, as was also the lord Dacres, of the North.

Whereupon, the duke of Northumberland and his party, to make the pretended treasons appear more formidable, with much shew and ceremony came into the city, on the 22d of October, and the several companies of London being commanded to repair to their halls, he acquainted them, that the duke of Somerset would have taken the Tower, seized on the broad seal, and have destroyed the city, and then to have gone to the Isle of Wight; all which, was thought very improbable.

On the first of December, he was brought to his trial in Westminster-hall, the marquis of Winchester (then lord treasurer of England) sitting as high-steward under a cloth of state, on a bench mounted three degrees; the peers (in number twenty-seven) sitting on a bench one step lower. The charge against him consisted of five parts: 1. Of raising men in the north parts of the realm. 2. Of assembling men to kill the duke of Northumberland. 3. Of resisting his attachment. 4. Of killing the Gens d'Arms, and raising London. And fifthly, of assaulting the lords, and devising their deaths. To which he pleaded, Not Guilty, and put himself upon trial of his peers; denying that he had ever any intent to raise men in the north; but on some bruits apprehending a fear, he sent to Sir William Herbert to remain his friend, saying, that he never intended to kill the duke of Northumberland, or any other lord, but spoke of it only, and determined the contrary. And farther said, that it had been a mad enterprize, with his hundred men to assail the Gens d'Arms, consisting of nine hundred; when, in case he had prevailed, it would nothing have availed the pretended purpose: And therefore, that this being senseless and absurd, must needs discredit other matters, which might otherwise have been believed.

Next, that at London, he never projected any stir, but ever held it a good place for his security. And that for having men in his chamber at Greenwich, it was manifest, he meant no harm; because, when he might have done it, he did not. Moreover, against the persons of them whose examinations were read against him, he objected many things, desiring they might be brought to his face; which, in regard he was a person of dignity and estate, he deemed to be reasonable.

The king's learned council pleaded, that some of the crimes charged against him were treason, and others felony: Nevertheless, after many varieties in opinion, he was acquitted of treason,

son, but by most voices found guilty of felony; whereupon, sentence of death was pronounced on him (a).

Those who were present at his trial, hearing the lords say, not guilty (which was to the treason) thinking he was acquitted, and chiefly, for that immediately on those words, the ax of the Tower was taken from before him, testified their joy with loud acclamations. And on his passing through London (as Hollinshed relates) some huzza'd for joy that he was acquitted, and others cried that he was condemned, and the people murmured against the duke of Northumberland, and the other lords who were his enemies.

The duke of Somerset (saith Godwin) having continued two months in prison, since his condemnation; at length, the violence of his enemies, notwithstanding the king's desire to save his uncle, under whose tuition he had passed his childhood, drew him to the scaffold. On Friday, the 22d of January, as Hollinshed, and other historians relate, he was brought out of the Tower, and delivered to the sheriffs of London. The same morning, every householder of the city (according to a precept from the council to the lord-mayor) were strictly charged not to stir out of their houses before ten of the clock that day, meaning thereby to restrain them from being at his execution, and for fear of a rescue. Notwithstanding, by seven of the clock, the Tower-hill was covered with people from all parts, and before eight, the duke was brought to the scaffold, enclosed with the king's guards, the sheriffs officers, the warders of the Tower, and near a thousand men of the liberty of the Tower. On his ascending the scaffold, he changed neither voice or countenance, but kneeling down on both his knees, and lifting up his hands, commended himself unto God. After he had ended some short prayers, standing up again, and turning himself to the east side of the scaffold, he with great alacrity, and cheerfulness of mind and countenance, uttered these words to the people.

' Dearly beloved friends, I am brought hither to suffer death, albeit I never offended against the king, neither by word nor deed, and have been always as faithful and true unto this realm, as any man hath been. But forasmuch as I am by law condemned to die, I do acknowledge my self, as well as others, to be subject thereunto. Wherefore to testify mine obedience which I owe unto the laws, I come hither to suffer death, whereunto I willingly offer my self, with most hearty thanks unto God, that hath given me this time of repentance, who might, thro' sudden death, have taken away my life, that I neither should have acknowledged him nor my self.

' Moreover (dearly beloved friends) there is yet somewhat that

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(a) See his indictment, and the proceedings against him, State Trials, fo. vol VII. p. 16.

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‘ I must put you in mind of, as touching christian religion,
 ‘ which, so long as I was in authority, I always diligently set
 ‘ forth, and furthered to my power. Neither do I repent me of
 ‘ my doings, but rejoyce therein, sith now the state of christian
 ‘ religion cometh most near unto the form and order of the pri-
 ‘ mitive church. Which thing I esteem as a great benefit given
 ‘ of God, both to you and me, most heartily exhorting you all,
 ‘ that this which is most purely set forth, you will with like
 ‘ thankfulness accept and embrace, and set out the same in your
 ‘ living : Which thing if you do not, without doubt, greater
 ‘ mischief and calamity will follow.’

More he would have said, but a strange tumult and sudden con-
 sternation of the assembly interrupted him, which our historians
 differently relate, but (as Hollinshed gives an account) the duke
 in the mean time stood unmov’d, shaking his cap, which he
 held in his hands, and making signs to the people, to keep them-
 selves quiet. And when they were composed, espying Sir An-
 thony Brown riding to the scaffold, they conjectured the king
 had sent his uncle a pardon; and thereupon casting up their caps,
 they cryed, pardon, pardon is come, God save the king.

But at length, silence being obtained, he spoke to them a se-
 cond time, in this manner :

‘ Dearly beloved friends, there is no such matter in hand, as
 ‘ you vainly hope or believe. It seemeth thus good to almighty
 ‘ God, whose ordinance it is meet and necessary that we be all
 ‘ obedient unto. Wherefore I pray you all to be quiet, and
 ‘ without tumult : for I am even now quiet, and let us join in
 ‘ prayer unto the lord, for the preservation of our noble king,
 ‘ unto whose majesty I wish continual health, with all felicity
 ‘ and abundance, and all manner of prosperous success : where-
 ‘ unto the people cried out, Amen. Moreover, I wish unto all
 ‘ his counsellors the grace and favour of God, whereby they may
 ‘ rule all things uprightly with justice, unto whom I exhort you
 ‘ all in the Lord, to shew yourselves obedient, the which is also
 ‘ very necessary for you, under the pain of condemnation, and also
 ‘ most profitable for the preservation and safeguard of the king’s
 ‘ majesty. And forasmuch as heretofore I have had oftentimes
 ‘ affairs with divers men, and that it is hard to please every man
 ‘ that hath been offended or injured by me, I most humbly re-
 ‘ quire and ask them forgiveness : But especially almighty God,
 ‘ whom, throughout all my life, I have most grievously offended.
 ‘ And unto all other, whatsoever they be that have offended me,
 ‘ I do with my whole heart forgive them.

‘ And once again (dearly beloved in the lord) I require that
 ‘ you will keep your selves quiet and still, lest, thro’ your tu-
 ‘ mult, you might cause me to have some trouble, which in this

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‘case would nothing at all profit me, neither be any pleasure unto you. For albeit the spirit be willing and ready, the flesh is frail and wavering, and through your quietness I shall be much more the quieter: But if that you will fall into tumult, it will be great trouble, and no gain at all unto you. Moreover, I desire you to bear me witness, that I die here in the faith of Jesus Christ, desiring you to help me with your prayers, that I may persevere constant in the same unto my life’s end.’

Then turning himself about, and kneeling down, Doctor Cox (who was present to assist him in his last moments) delivered into his hands a paper, wherein was contained a brief confession to God, which being read, he stood up again on his feet, and bidding the sheriffs, the lieutenant of the Tower, and others on the scaffold farewell, taking them all by the hands, he after gave the executioner money. Then kneeling down in the straw, he untied his shirt-strings, and the executioner coming to him, turned down his collar round about his neck, and made all things ready for his execution. Which being done, he covered his face with his own handkerchief, and laid himself down, shewing no manner of trouble or fear, neither did his countenance change, any other than that just before his eyes were covered, his cheeks had a little more tincture of red than usual.

Thus lying on the block, and waiting for the stroke, his doublet was taken notice of to cover his neck, and thereupon he was desired to rise up and put it off; after which, laying himself down again on the block, and calling thrice, Lord Jesu save me, he was, on the third time of repeating it, in a moment bereft of his life. His head and body were put into a coffin, and carried back to the Tower, and buried on the north side of the choir of St. Peter’s.

That his death was generally lamented is manifest, many there were, who kept handkerchiefs dipped in his blood, as so many reliques. Amongst the rest, a sprightly dame, two years after, when the duke of Northumberland was led captive through the city, for his opposition against Queen Mary, run to him in the streets, and shaking out her bloody handkerchief before him, said; *Behold the blood of that worthy man, that good uncle of that excellent king; which was shed by thy treacherous machination, now, at this instant, begins to revenge it self upon thee.*

From what our historians have wrote of his conduct, this may be justly said of him, that he was a pious, just man, and by his influence, the reformation of religion in England did so well proceed in the beginning. Nor did he want true courage and resolution, which was conspicuous on several occasions, before recited; and though it was reputed a weakness in him, in submitting to his enemies, yet in that emergency it may be said, he sac-

sacrificed himself, to prevent a civil war, which might have endangered the life of his sovereign, and caused the introducing of popery. And I think, a greater proof can't be given of his concern for his king and country, than that (though some blamed him for it) he did not screen his own brother from justice, when his ambition and evil mind wrought in him those machinations that would have been destructive to both. His frailties, which procured him the ill-will of many of the council, were hastiness and passion, which too often meet in good-nature and generosity, in which he had few equals. He was certainly faithful to his country, studious of its safety and honour, and never entertained hopes prejudicial to either. He was generous, bountiful, and ready to do good offices to all that stood in need; to which purpose he erected an office [master of requests] for the better taking care of poor men's suits (*a*), and for the more effectual speeding them, without the delays and charges of the law. Secretary Cecil, was the first master thereof, and Sir Thomas Smith, the second; both persons fam'd for their great knowledge and excellent accomplishments, who ow'd their rise principally to the duke's goodness; as did several, whose families are remaining at this day. He suffered with great constancy and firmness of mind, and an entire resignation to the will of God, and charity to all mankind: Professing (*b*), that he had never offended against the king, either by thought, word, or deed, but had alway been as true and faithful to the realm as any man. Bp. Burnet, in his history of the reformation (*c*), gives him this character: 'Edward, duke of Somerset, was a person of great virtues, eminent for piety, humble and affable in his greatness, sincere and candid in all his transactions. He was a better captain than a counsellor, had been oft successful in his undertakings, was always careful of the poor and the oppressed; and in a word, had as many virtues and as few faults as most great men, especially when they are so unexpectedly advanc'd, have ever had.'

This great duke, had two wives. First, Catherine, daughter and coheir of Sir William Fillol, of Woodlands, in com. Dorset. Knt. by whom he had issue, a son, Edward, of whom we are now to treat; and by his second wife, Anne, daughter to Sir Edward Stanhope, of Rampton, in com. Nott. Knt. and heir to her mother, Elizabeth, sister to John Bouchier, earl of Bath, and great grand-daughter of William Bouchier, earl of Ewe, in Normandy, by Anne, his wife, daughter and sole heir of Thomas, of Woodstock, duke of Gloucester, seventh and youngest son of King Edward III. He had issue, three sons; Edward, afterwards earl of Hertford, ancestor to the present duke of Somerset:

(*a*) Strype's life of Sir Tho. Smith, p. 40. 1520, and notes on Sir J. H. præd. p. 324 & 5.

(*b*) Fox's Acts and Mon. ad ann.

(*c*) Vol. I. lib. 1. p. 185.

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merfet: Henry, who married Joan, daughter to Thomas, earl of Northumberland; and another Edward: And fix daughters; Anne, first married to John Dudley, (commonly called, earl of Warwick) eldest son to John, duke of Northumberland; and afterwards to Sir Edward Unton, of Wadley, in com. Oxon. knight of the Bath; Margaret and Jane, who died unmarried; Mary, first wedded to Andrew Rogers, eldest son to Sir Richard Rogers, of Brianston, in com. Dorl. Knt. and after, to Sir Henry Peyton, Knt. Catherine, died unmarried, and Elizabeth, who became the second wife to Sir Richard Knightley, of Fawesley, in com. Northampton, Knt.

Edward Seymour, Esq; the eldest son and heir, by the first wife, was possessed of a good estate, at Berry-Pomeroy, in Devonshire, purchased by his father of Sir Thomas Pomeroy (*a*). He was with his father in the great battle of Muscelborough, and for his valour there, received the honour of knighthood. In 1552, he had a grant from King Edward VI. of the lordships and manors of Walton, Shedder, and Stowey, the park of Stowey, and the hundred of Water-Stock, with the appurtenances, in the county of Somerset, lately the possessions of his father, Edward, duke of Somerset. The grant bears date at Ely, the 6th of September, to him and his heirs for ever; and from his father's death to that time, he had no provision made for him. He lived retir'd, without any concern in publick affairs, excepting his being sheriff of the county of Devon, in 25 Elizabeth, and other offices in the country suiting his degree. And being an excellent oeconomist, he made several purchases, among which was the manor of Maiden-Bradley (*b*), in the reign of Queen Mary; and in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, the castle and honour of Totness, and manor of Totness. He married Jane (*c*), daughter of John Walshe, Esq; one of the justices of the common-pleas, and died on the 6th of May, in 35 Elizabeth, as is evident from the inquisition taken after his death at Totness, on the 20th of September, the same year, wherein he has the titles of Edward Seymour, Knt. lord Seymour: and died seized of the castle and honour of Bury, and Bury-Pomeroy, and Bridgetown, in Pomeroy, with the advowson of the church of Bury, the castle and honour of Totness, and manor of Totness; the manors of Cornworthy, Lodeswell, Huise, Monnockenzeale, alias, Zeale Monacon; the manors of Losebear, a fourth part of the hundred of Hayborre, the scite of the monastery of Torr, and divers other lands in Devonshire; the manor and lordship of Mayden-Bradley, in com. Wilts. and divers other lands; and a capital messuage called the lord Cheyne's house, within the precincts of the priory of the house of Black-Fryers,

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(*a*) Rishon's Devon. p. 203.

(*b*) MS. in Bib. Harleyana. Not. 41. A. 21.

(*c*) Le Neve's MSS. of the Barons, vol. 1 p. 22.

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near Ludgate, in the city of London; to all which it was found, that Edward Seymour was his son and heir, and at that time thirty years of age and upwards.

Which Edward Seymour, Esq; whilst his father was living, was chosen one of the knights for the county of Devon, in 35 Elizabeth (a); and was also returned for the same county, in 43 Elizabeth, and to the first parliament of King James. He was advanced to the dignity of a baronet, June 29, 1611, 9 Jac. I. and in 1570, had to wife Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Arthur Champernown, of Dartington, in com. Devon. Knt. by whom he had issue, several sons and daughters; Edward, John, who married a sister of Sir Nicholas Slanning, Knt. William, and Walter, who both died S. P. and Richard, who married a daughter of Radleigh, by whom he had a son, Richard, who died unmarried, and two daughters, Amy, and Bridget. The daughters were, Mary, married to Sir George Farewell, of Taunton, in Somersetshire, Knt. Elizabeth, to George Cary, of Cokington, in Devon, Esq; Bridget, to Sir John Bruyn, of Admerston, in Wilts, Knt. and Amy, to — Parker, of Burrington, in Devon, Esq; (b).

The said Sir Edward Seymour, Bart. died on the 11th of April, 1613, and was buried from Berry-Pomeroy castle, on Thursday the 27th of May, 1613, with great solemnity, the principal gentlemen of the county attending. To whom succeeded in title and estate, Edward, his eldest son.

This Edward, was knighted at Greenwich, the 22d of May, 1603, and was sent by King James I. (c) on an embassy to the king of Denmark. He was elected one of the knights for Devonshire, in two parliaments, in the reign of King James I. and for Kellington, and Totness, in two other parliaments (d), whereof the last met at Westminster, the 6th of February, 1625, by the appointment of King Charles I. but, on the dissolution thereof, being in an advanced age, he liv'd retir'd at the castle of Bury-Pomeroy, which he made a stately house: This seat had a fine prospect, being situate on a rock, on a rising ground, from the east and north, over a pleasant rivulet, running through a deer-park (e) which emptied itself into the Hemms, at Little-Hempton; as that doth into the Dart, half a mile from Totness, and the parish of Berry, conjoins to that of Totness, by a fair bridge of about eight arches, standing over the river dart.

This castle of Berry, the ancient seat of the Pomeroy's, was a great and noble structure, but in those times of confusion, during the civil wars in the reign of King Charles I. was demolished, and now lies in ruins. The additions this Sir Edward Seymour made thereto,

(a) Willis's Notit. Par. vol. I. p. 254. (b) Le Neve's MS. vol. I. p. 23. (c) Ex Infor. Dom. Edw. Seymour, Bar. (d) Willis's Notitia Par. p. 175, 254, & 284. (e) Prince's Worthies of Devon. p. 489.

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thereto, is, by Mr. Prince, in his Worthies of Devon, (who relates that upwards of 20000*l.* were bestowed thereon) thus set forth: ‘ Before the door of the great hall was a noble walk, in length the breadth of the court, arch’d over with curiously carv’d freestone, supported in the same part by several stately pillars of the same stone, of great dimensions, after the Corinthian order, standing on pedestals, having cornices or friezes finely wrought; behind which were placed in the wall, several seats of frieze-stone, also cut into the form of an escallops shell, in which the company, when weary, might repose themselves. The apartments within were very splendid, especially the dining-room, which was adorn’d, besides paint, with statues and figures cut in alabaster, with admirable art and labour; but the chimney-piece of polish’d marble, curiously engraven, was of great cost and value. Many other of the rooms were well adorn’d with mouldings and fret-work; and some marble clavils were so delicately fine, that they would reflect an object true and lively from a great distance. In short, the number of the apartments of the whole, may be collected hence, if report be true, that it was a good day’s work for a servant but to open and shut the casements belonging to them.’

At this seat, the said Sir Edward Seymour died, about the year 1641, very much lamented, having, by an obliging temper, attracted the love of his country; and, by a prudent management, gain’d the character of a person of honour, conduct, and experience. He had, by Dorothy his lady, daughter of Sir Henry Killigrew, of Larock, in Cornwall, Knt. six sons, and five daughters; Elizabeth, was first married to Francis Courtenay, Esq; eldest son of Sir William Courtenay, of Powderam, in com. Devon. Knt. secondly to Sir Amos Meredith, of Ashley, in Cheshire, Bar. of N. S. ———, married Sir Thomas Hall, of Wiltshire, Knt. Mary, was wedded to Sir Jonathan Trelawney, Bart. father of the late bishop of Winchester; Margaret, was espoused to Francis Trelawney, Esq; brother to the said Sir Jonathan; And Anne, was wife to Dr. Stourton.

Of the sons, Sir Edward, the eldest, will be mentioned hereafter; Henry, second son, born in the year 1612, was a gentleman valued and esteem’d by persons of the greatest note, in the reigns of King Charles I. and II. He was, in his youth, page of honour to King Charles I. and, on the breaking out of the civil wars, went with the marquis of Hertford, into Somersetshire, and was with that noble peer at Sherburn (*a*), who, with only two troops of horse, and 400 foot, they courageously withstood the whole force of the earl of Bedford, consisting of above 7000 foot, besides horse, with canon, &c. and the marquis sending
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(*a*) Clarendon’s Hist, 8vo. vol. II. p. 6 & 19.

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the earl of Bedford a challenge, Mr. Seymour was (*a*) chose to carry it. His behaviour, in all respects, won him the esteem of the whole court; so that when it was thought necessary for the prince of Wales, afterwards King Charles II. to have servants peculiar to himself; he was then nominated one of the grooms of the bedchamber.

When all was lost in England, he went with his royal master abroad, and was entrusted with the last letter and message that the prince (*b*) sent to his father, under confinement by the rebels, (dated from the Hague, 23 Jan. 1648) and delivering it the 27th of the same month, in the evening of that day the sentence of death was passed on his majesty, was, on that melancholly occasion, in the deepest sorrow. He kissed the king's hands (*c*), clasp'd about his legs, and mourn'd in a most lamentable manner, wherewith his majesty was very much affected; who, after reading the sorrowful letter he brought, and heard what he had to say, imparted to him his answer, the last he sent the prince. He afterwards attended King Charles II. into Scotland, and was one of the few English servants permitted to be near his person: Also when the king got safe to Paris, after the battle of Worcester, Mr. Seymour, was one of the first his majesty took notice of there, and was sent to the earl of Clarendon, at Brussels, to require his attendance, when all his other servants were order'd not to repair to him till farther orders. His courage and integrity were so well known and approved, that he was employed in negotiations between his majesty, and his friends in England, in those perilous times, during the king's exile, and trusted by the marquess of Hertford, the earl of Southampton, and others of honour and note, with their secret correspondence, as a person whom they knew, (as my lord (*d*) Clarendon relates) the king and council would believe.

In the year 1660, he was chosen (tho' abroad) a member for Eastlow, in the parliament that brought about the restoration of the royal family, and continually serv'd for that borough till the time of his death. The king, as a reward for his faithful services, besides continuing him in his post of groom of the bedchamber, constituted him comptroller of the customs (*e*), during his own life, and that of his brother, John Seymour, Esq; and also gave him a patent of clerk of the hanaper, for three lives, and when one of them dropp'd, he got the patent renew'd. He came to reside at Langley, in com. Bucks, (near Windfor) in the year 1666, renting the house (*f*) and park, of the trustees of Sir

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(*a*) Clarendon, vol. II. p. 329. (*b*) Wood's Athenæ Oxonienses, vol. II. p. 699. Edit. 1721. (*c*) Wood's Athenæ Oxon. præd. (*d*) Hist. Rebellion, 8vo. vol. VI. p. 322. (*e*) Ex Inform. Dom. Henry Seymour, de Langley, Bar. (*f*) Ex Inform. Dava. de Langley.

William Parsons, (then deceas'd) and about the year 1669, purchased the said estate, and got a grant from the king of the manor of Langley, under a reserv'd rent of 43l. 8s. 10d. per ann. At this seat he had the comfort of living in ease and quiet the latter part of his life, in the general esteem of all that knew him, being a gentleman of great honour, generosity, affability, and charity. He built and endow'd, in his life-time, an alms-house at Langley, for six poor decay'd people; and by his last will and testament, gave 400l. to put out poor boys apprentices, besides other charitable legacies to particular persons.

He died the 9th of March, 1686, in the 74th year of his age, and was buried the 18th following, in the vault, adjoining to the parish-church of Langley. He took to wife, first, Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Joseph Killigrew, Knt. and widow of William Ballet, of Claverton, in com. Somers. Esq; and she dying without issue, in June 1671; he married, secondly, Ursula, daughter of Sir Robert Austen, of Bexley, in Kent, Bart. and widow of George Stawel, of Cotherston, in Somersetshire, Esq; brother to Ralph, lord Stawel. She bore to him an only son, Henry, born the 20th of October, 1674, who, at seven years of age, in consideration of his fathers approv'd loyalty and services, (and while he was living) was, by King Charles II. created a baronet, by letters patents dated the 4th of July, 1681, and to his heirs male, remainder to the said Henry, the father, and his heirs male.

Which Sir Henry Seymour, Bart. after the advantage of a learned education at home, travelled abroad for his farther improvement; and, on his return, was elected to parliament for the borough of Eastlow, in 10 William III. (a) as also to six other parliaments, till the time of his death.

In the year 1710, he was prevailed on to stand for knight of the shire for the county of Bucks, in which numerous election, tho' the first time of his appearing, he lost it only by a few votes, [under twenty] and that was owing, as 'tis said, to the nicety of his honour, in making all his friends vote for his colleague, when the like care was not taken to do him the same justice. He died at London, in the year 1714, unmarried, and was buried by his father, at Langley; and leaving no will, his personal estate (that was very considerable) fell to his sister; and the inheritance at Langley devolved on the present Sir Edward Seymour, Bart. as heir-male, who sold it to the lord Masham, who has sold it again, to his grace the duke Marlborough.

The other sons of Sir Edward, were, 3. Thomas Seymour, Esq; who married Anne, daughter of Sir Richard Anderson, of Penley, in Hertfordshire, Knt. and left issue Edward, clerk of the hanaper,

(a) Willis's Not. Parl. vol. II. p. 105.

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hanaper, 1695, (father of two sons ; 1. Henry Seymour, who married a daughter of J. Tregonwell, Esq; and 2. Edward ; also of three daughters ; the eldest married Sir Thomas Fotherby, Knt. Anne, and Elizabeth.) 4. John (*a*), and 5. Robert Seymour, who both died without issue ; and 6. Sir Joseph Seymour, Knt. living 1695, who married Bridget, another daughter of Sir Richard Anderfon, of Penley, Knt. and had issue, Henry, and Anne.

I now return to Sir Edward Seymour, Bart. (eldest son of Sir Edward Seymour, Knt. and Bart.) Which Sir Edward, born in the year 1611, was elected one of the knights for Devonshire, during the life of his father, in the two last parliaments (*b*) called by king Charles I. and adhering to his sovereign in the times of the rebellion, had his house at Berry-castle, in Devon, plunder'd and burnt, and was obliged to pay 1200*l.* composition for his estate (*c*). He sat at Oxford, among those members the king conven'd, in the year 1643 ; and shewing a ready concurrence in the measures for establishing monarchy and episcopacy, he endured many hardships, till such time as the constitution was restor'd by the establishment of King Charles II. on the throne of his ancestors. He was vice-admiral of the county of Devon (*d*), and a member of all parliaments in the reigns of King Charles II. and King James II. being elected thereto for the borough of Totness. And departing this life about the year 1689, had sepulture at Berry-Pomeroy, leaving issue by Anne, his wife, daughter to Sir John Portman, Bart. (who survived him six years, and was interr'd by her husband,) a daughter, Elizabeth, wedded to Sir Joseph Tredenham, of Tregony, in Cornwall, Knt. and five sons ; Sir Edward, his successor ; John, a colonel in the army, who married a daughter of Sir Richard Kenneday ; Hugh, captain of the resolution-frigate, and killed in the Dutch wars ; William, fourth son, who died unmarried ; Henry Seymour, Esq; fifth son, heir to his uncle, Sir William Portman, Bart. whereby he possessed the large inheritance of the Portmans, at Orchard-Portman, in Somersetshire, &c. and assum'd the name and arms of Portman, by act of parliament, pursuant to a settlement of the said Sir William. He married two wives ; 1. Penelope, youngest daughter of Sir William Haslewood, of Maidwell, in com. Northampton. Knt. and coheir to her brother, Peter Haslewood, of Maidwell, Esq; (the other sister being wife to the lord viscount Hatton (*e*).) His second wife was Millicent, daughter of William Fitch, of High-hall, in Dorsetshire, Esq; by neither of which he had any issue, and died Feb. 1724. His relict afterwards married Thomas Fownes, of Dorsetshire, Esq;

Sir

(*a*) Le Neve's MS. vol. I. p. 22. (*b*) Willis's Not. Par. p. 254. (*c*) See the list of those that compounded for their estates, in letter S. (*d*) Ex infor. Dom. Edw. Seymour, Bar. (*e*) Collins's Peerage of England, vol. IV. p. 43.

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Sir Edward Seymour, Bart. fifth of that name in lineal succession, and eldest son of the last Sir Edward, made a considerable figure both in court and the house of commons, in four several reigns. He constantly serv'd in parliament, after his first election, to the time of his death, for the city of Exeter, and Totness, and once for the county of Devon, and hardly any was better heard, or brought more over to his opinion than he did. To him was owing that valuable act for the security of the subject, *The Habeas Corpus Act*. In the year 1667, he promoted the impeachment of the earl of Clarendon, and was the first that motion'd it, and carried it up to the lords. On 25 Feb. 1672, he was unanimously chosen speaker of that call'd the long parliament; and the 9th of April following, was sworn of the privy-council, and soon after made treasurer of the navy. The 6th of March, 1679, he was again elected speaker of the house of commons, at which time he was of the privy-council, and treasurer of the navy; yet the king refus'd his approbation, notwithstanding the commons made three representations in his favour; which occasioned their prorogation to the 15th, when they elected serjeant Gregory. The next year they were so disgusted at his behaviour, that they carried an impeachment against him, and a motion was made to remove him from his majesty's council and presence for ever; but that was dropp'd, and no articles were ever exhibited against him (a).

When King James II. ascended the throne, he was a sedulous opposer of Monmouth, and his adherents; and afterwards no less warm in opposing arbitrary power and a standing army. He was one of the first gentlemen in the west of England, that went in to the prince of Orange, anno 1688; and the association that follow'd, was owing to his proposal. In the convention-parliament at the revolution, he oppos'd the declaring the prince of Orange, king of England; nevertheless, on the first of March, 1691, he was sworn of the privy-council, and constituted one of the lords of the treasury, in which he continued about two years; and on his resignation, had afterwards no employment during that reign. On the accession of her majesty Queen Anne, he was again admitted of the privy-council, and constituted comptroller of her household; and had an offer of a patent for a baron of the realm, which he declin'd, and got it conferr'd on Francis, the eldest surviving son of his second marriage: being warm in his adherence to those stiled the church party, and sticking for passing the bill to prevent occasional conformity, he continued but two years in his post of comptroller of the household, and afterwards constantly oppos'd the measures of the court. He was endow'd with great natural parts, which, together with his long

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(a) Collins's Peerage of England, vol. IV. p. 373.

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experience in parliamentary affairs, gain'd him the first place among the leading members of his party, by whom his death was much regretted. He died on the 17th of February, 1707, in the 76th year of his age, and was buried at Maiden-Bradley, in Wiltshire, where, on a beautiful monument erected to his memory, is the following inscription :

Under this Marble are deposited the Remains
Of Sir Edward Seymour, Bart. late
Of Bury-Pomeroy, in the County of
Devon, and of this Place.
A Man of such Endowments
As added lustre to his noble Ancestry,
Commanded Reverence from his Cotemporaries,
And stands the fairest Pattern to Posterity :
Being often call'd to Council, and always chosen in Parliament.
(A Friend to his Prince, a Servant to his Country)
He advis'd the King with Freedom,
The Senate with Dignity ;
That Senate, the Bulwark of the English Liberty,
In which he presided for several Years,
Found his Eloquence an Advocate,
His Integrity a Guardian,
His Vigour a Champion for its Privileges :
Nor can any Englishman rejoice
In that envied Portion of his Birth-Right,
The HABEAS CORPUS Act,
Without Gratitude to the Ashes of his Patriot,
Under whose Influence
It became his Heritage.
Born in the Year 1633.
His Childhood felt not the Calamities
Which in the succeeding Years,
The Spirit of Anarchy and Schism
Spread over the Nation :
His Manhood saw the Church and Monarchy restor'd,
And he liv'd in dutiful Obedience to both :
Loaden with Honour, full of Years,
(Amidst the Triumphs of his Country)
Rais'd to the highest Point of Glory
By that immortal Princess, Queen Anne,
He died
In the Year
1707.
Francis Seymour, Esq; in just Veneration
For the Memory of his Illustrious Grandfather,
And in due Obedience to the last Will and Testament
Of Lieutenant-General William Seymour,
Second Son to the deceased Sir Edward,
Hath caused this Monument
To be erected,

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He married to his first wife, Margaret, daughter and coheir to Sir William Wale, Knt. alderman of the city of London, by whom he had two sons, Sir Edward Seymour, his successor in the title and estate, of whom hereafter; and William Seymour, Esq; general of the marines, lieutenant of the band of gentlemen-pensioners, and lieutenant-general of the armies of Queen Anne, who died without issue. And taking to his second wife, Letitia, daughter to Francis Popham, of Littlecote, in the county of Wilts, Esq; by her (who died on the 16th of March, 1728-9,) had six sons, and a daughter, Anne, married to William Berkley, of Pill, in com. Somers. Esq; father of Henry-William (Berkley) Portman, Esq; one of the knights of the shire in the present parliament for the county of Somerset.

The sons were, 1. Popham-Conway, killed in a duel by colonel Kirk; 2. Francis, who, after the death of his brother Popham, took the surname, and bore the arms of Conway, being heir by adoption to the estate of Edward, earl of Conway, which, on the decease of the countess of Mulgrave, widow of the said earl, he accordingly enjoy'd, and was, by the intercession of his father, Sir Edward Seymour, Bart. created a peer of this kingdom, by the title of baron Conway, of Ragley, in com. Warw. as also a peer of the kingdom of Ireland, by the title of baron Conway, of Killultagh, in the county of Antrim, in Ireland, by letters patent bearing date the 17 March, 1702-3. 2. Q. Anne, and was father of the present lord Conway; 3. Charles, to whom the barony of Conway, was limited; 4. Henry, who died unmarried; 5. Alexander; 6. John, who died young.

Sir Edward Seymour, the eldest son by the first marriage, who succeeded to the title and estate, serv'd in parliament in Q. Anne's reign, for Totness, and Great-Bedwin; and marrying Letitia, sole daughter to Sir Francis Popham, of Littlecote, in Wilts, knight of the Bath, had issue four sons, and six daughters; 1. Sir Edward, the present baronet; 2. Francis Seymour, of Sherborn, in Dorsetshire, Esq; who married Elizabeth, lady viscountess Hinchinbroke, relict of Edward, lord viscount Hinchinbroke, and only daughter of Alexander Popham, of Littlecote, Esq; and hath one son, Henry, and a daughter; and was member in the last parliament but one for Great-Bedwin, and in the last, for Marlborough, in Wilts; 3. Alexander, who died unmarried, April, 1731; 4. William Seymour, of Knoyle, in Wilts, Esq; who married Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Mr. Hippye, of Froome, in Somersetshire: of the eight daughters, Letitia, married Mr. Gapper; Margaret, to Richard Jones, of Ramsbury manor, Esq; Elizabeth, to Henry Hungerford, Esq; Anne, to William Scroggs, of Chute-forest, Esq; Helena, died unmarried; Mary, married to the rev. Mr. Hammond; Jane, married to William Coleman, of Gornhey, in Devonshire, Esq; and Catherine, married to Philip Fuhr, Esq; of Bristol, Hamburgh merchant. Sir Edward, died Jan. 1740-1, aged eighty, and was succeeded in honour and estate by his eldest son, Sir

Sir Edward Seymour, the present baronet, who was elected one of the representatives for the city of Sarum, in the present parliament, who married Mary, sole daughter and heir of Daniel Webb, of Monckton-Farleigh, in Wilts, Esq; (and also neice and heir of her uncle, Edward Somner, of Seend, in Wilts, Esq;) by whom he hath issue four sons, 1. Edward; 2. Webb, who inherits his grandfather's estate, at Monckton-Farleigh; 3. William; and 4. Francis; and one daughter, Mary.

ARMS: Gules, two Wings conjoin'd in Lure, Tips downwards, Or. Tho' this family now generally bear, quarterly, 1, and 4, Or, on a Pile, Gules, between six Fleur-de-lis, Azure, three Lions of England; (being an augmentation granted by K. Hen. VIII. on his marriage with the lady Jane Seymour,) 2, and 3, the paternal coat of Seymour, viz. Gules, two Wings conjoin'd in Lure, Tips downwards, Or.

CREST: Out of a ducal Coronet, Or, a Phœnix in Flames, proper; in memory of King Edward VI.

SEATS: At Bury, or *Berry-Pomeroy*, near *Totness*, in *Devonshire*; and at *Maiden-Bradley*, in *Wiltshire*.

10. COPE, of Hanwell, Oxfordshire.

(Sir ANTHONY, KNIGHT,)

Created BARONET, June 29, 1611.

THIS ancient family descends from John Cope, Esq; a very eminent person in the reigns of K. Rich. II. and Hen. IV. The former King, in the twenty-second year of his reign, grants in fee to his trusty and well-beloved servant, John Cope, Esq; the scite and manor of Denshanger (*a*), in com. Northamp. and divers other lands and rents in Wickden, Wickhamman, Pefenham, Stony-Stratford, Pokefley, Witfield, and Moghemoncotes. Which manor of Denshanger, K. Hen. IV. confirmed to him, in the first year of his reign, to hold by the fourth part of a knight's fee (*b*); and four years after, grants unto John Cope, (his esquire and beloved servant) for reward of his good and faithful service (*c*), the manor of Westbury, in com. Bucks, of the value of twenty marks a year, forfeited by the attainder of Sir Thomas Shelley, Knt. He was elected one of the knights of the shire for Northampton (*d*), in all the parliaments from the first to the ninth year of K. H. IV. and dying 2 H. V. (*e*) was succeeded by John Cope, Esq; his son and heir, who had issue, Alexander Cope, of Denshanger, Esq; father (*f*) to William Cope, Esq; who was in great esteem and favour with K. Hen. VII.

Which William, had a grant from the crown, (7 Maii, 13 Hen. VII.) when he was cofferer of the household to the King (*g*),

(*a*) Ex autog. penes Dom. Joh. Cope, Bar. (*b*) Patt. 1 Hen. IV. p. 1. M. 24. (*c*) Ex Autog. prœd. (*d*) Prym's Brief Regist. vol. IV. de iisd. Ann. (*e*) Vide Eksh. 2 Hen. V. (*f*) Ex stemmate penes Dom. Joh. Cope, Bar. (*g*) Dugdale's Warw. p. 155.

of the lordships and manors of Wormleighton, and Fenny-Compton, in Warwickshire; (part of the inheritance of Sir Simon Mountfort, Knt. attainted 10 Henry VII.) to be held in soccage, paying twenty marks per ann. into the exchequer; which lordships he kept till 22 Henry VII. when he sold them to John Spencer, Esq; (ancestor to the present duke of Marlborough) having purchased the manor of Hanwell, and a good estate, in Oxfordshire. He died, April 7, 1513, in the fifth year of the reign of King Henry VIII. and had sepulture in the church of Banbury, as appears by this memorial on his monument.

Orate pro Anima Willielmi Cope, Armigeri Cofferarii
Hospitii Excellentissimi Regis Henrici Septimi qui obiit
* * * * Aprilis, 1513. & Jana Uxor ejus, obiit 12 Feb-
ruarii 1525.

He left the paternal coat of his family, (which was on a *Fess Argent, a Boar passant, Sable*) and us'd sometime *Argent, three Coffers, Sable*, as a badge of his office; but afterwards he had assign'd to him, *Argent, on a Cheveron Azure, between three red Roses slipped proper, as many Fleurs de Lis, Or*, alluding to the royal badges of the crown; which the family now bear. He married two wives, and had issue by both of them.

By his first wife, he had issue

Stephen Cope, Esq; serjeant of the poultry to the household of King Henry VIII. who married Anne, daughter and coheir of William Saunders, of Oxfordshire, from whom the family at Bedhampton, in Hampshire, descended, that extinguish'd in daughters. And,

By his second wife, Jane, daughter of John Spencer, of Hodnell, in com. Warw. Esq; sister and heir of Thomas Spencer, of Hodnell, Esq; that died without issue, (and heir to her mother, Anne, sister and coheir to Sir Richard Empson, Knt.) he had three sons; Anthony, hereafter mention'd; William, who died unmarried, and John, who was knighted, and seated at Copes-Ashby, in com. Northton. before called Canons-Ashby; upon the dissolution of the monasteries, 29 Henry VIII. whatever the monks had enjoy'd in Canons-Ashby, except the rectory, was granted to Sir Francis Bryan, and from him passed to Sir John Cope (a), from whom the lordship had the name of Copes-Ashby; and in the fourth year of Edw. VI. the rectory was granted to (b) Sir John Cope, and Sir Walter Moyle. Sir John Cope, had also granted him by King Henry VIII. in the thirty-second year of his reign, the manor of (c) Eydon in com. Northton.

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(a) Bridges's Northamptonshire, p. 146.

(b) Ibid. p. 150.

(c) Ibid.

Sir John Cope, Knt. married three wives; 1. Bridget, daughter of Edward Raleigh, of Farnborough, in com. Warw. Esq; 2. Margery, daughter of — Mallory; 3. Margaret, daughter and coheir of Sir Edmund Tame, Knt. by the two last he had no issue; but by the first, three sons, and two daughters; 1. Erasmus, who married Mary, daughter of John Heneage, of Towse, in Lincolnshire, Esq; by whom he had one son, Edward, and died in the life-time of his father. 2. George, who married Dorothy, daughter and coheir of Thomas Spencer, of Everdon, in com. Northton. Esq; (a): (She surviving him, married secondly, Gabriel Pulteney, of Mifferton, in Leicestershire, Esq;) and 3. Anthony (b). The daughters were, Elizabeth, married to John Dryden, Esq; and Joane, married to Stephen Boyle, of Kentish-town, in Middlesex, but died without issue. Sir John, died seized of all the monks possessions, in Canons, or Copes-Ashby, in the fifth year of Q. Mary, and Edward, his grandson, succeeded to part of that estate, and the rest devolv'd upon Mr. Dryden, in right of Elizabeth, his wife (c).

This Edward, was under age at the time of his grandfather's decease; but in the fourteenth year of Q. Elizabeth, had livery of his estate at Eydon, which he is said to have held of the queen, in capite, by knights service (d). He having received the honour of knighthood, died in the eighteenth year of King James I. He married first, Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Sir Christopher Yelverton, of Easton-Mauduit, in Northamptonshire, Knt. (e) one of the judges of the king's bench; and secondly, Catherine, daughter of Sir Edward Aston, of Tixhall, in Staffordshire, Knt. relict, first of Stephen Slaney, of London, Esq; and secondly, of Sir William Chetwynd, of Ingestree, in Staffordshire, Knt. This last lady, died in 1646 (f), and was interr'd in the church of St. Giles's in the Fields, Middlesex, to which she was a benefactress, and her arms impaled with those of her three husbands, were in the windows of that church, before it was rebuilt. Sir Edward, left the manor of Eydon, to Erasmus, his son and heir; of whom we find no more, only that from the family of Cope, the manor passed to John Browne, Esq; clerk of the parliament in the reign of King Charles II. who having issue only one daughter, Martha, the wife of Sir Roger Cave, of Stanford, Bart. upon his decease, it descended to her and her heirs (g).

Anthony

(a) Bridges's Northamptonshire, p. 56. (b) Mr. Bridges, in his History of Northamptonshire, p. 146. says, that George and Anthony, the two youngest, died without children, tho' other pedigrees, make George to die 1572, and to leave three sons; George, who died S. P. John, and Erasmus; and a daughter, Dorothy, married to — Kenton, of Northamptonshire. (c) Bridges, *ibid.* p. 146. (d) *Ibid.* p. 130. (e) Collins's Peerage of England, vol. III. p. 700. (f) Stow's Survey of London, edit. 1720. vol. II. B. 4. p. 80. (g) Bridges's Northamptonshire, p. 131.

Anthony, (eldest son and heir of William Cope, Esq; the cofferer, by his second wife,) had the estate at Hanwell, in Oxfordshire; was bred in Oriel college, and having excellent parts, improv'd and cultivated by a learned education, was soon distinguish'd among his neighbours, and esteem'd by the most learned men of that age, both at home and abroad. His appetite after knowledge was not confin'd to his own country only, but by travelling into France, Germany, Italy, and other parts of Europe, visiting the universities, he sought the acquaintance of the most considerable persons abroad fam'd for learning, contracted an intimacy with many of them, and wrote several things whilst beyond the seas, as well as at home; which appears from several authors (*a*), and from an epigram in his praise, written by John Bapt. Mantuan. He was vice-chamberlain to Q. Catherine, wife of King Henry VIII. and after the dissolution of Broke-priory, in com. Rutland, which happened with the other lesser monasteries, temp. Henry VIII. That king granted to Anthony Cope, Esq; (*b*), the late priory of Canons, of the blessed Virgin Mary, of Broke, in Broke, in the county of Rutland; as also the manor of Broke, with the appurtenances, in the said county of Rutland, to hold, in capite, by knight's service, reserving out of the premises, the yearly rent of 4l. 13. 11d. payable at Michaelmas, which grant bears date the 9th of Sept. in the 28th of Henry VIII. In the second year of Edward VI. Sir Anthony Cope, Knt. obtained licence of the king to alienate the said manor of Broke, in com. Rutland. to Andrew Noel, Esq; and his heirs for ever. He had the honour of being made one of the knights of the carpet (*c*), in 1 Edw. VI. was high sheriff of Oxfordshire and Berks (*d*), 2 Edward VI. and was buried in the chancel of the church of Hanwell, four years after, anno 1551, leaving by Jane his wife, daughter of Matthew Crew, of Pynne, a son named Edward, heir to his estate; and a daughter, Anne, wife to Sir Kenelm Digby, of Stoke-Dry, in com. Rutl. Knt. (*e*)

Which Edward, marrying Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Walter Mohun, of Woilaston, in com. Northamp. Esq; (who surviv'd him, and afterwards marry'd George Carleton, of Walton upon Thames, in Surry, Esq; second son of John Carleton, of Baldwin-Brightwell, in com. Oxon. Esq;) had issue, besides daughters, two sons, Anthony, and Walter, who was of Kensington, and knighted, and was master of the court of wards in the reign of King James I. and one of the chamberlains of the exchequer (*f*) by patent, dated 1 July, 6 James I. He left a great estate to his

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(*a*) Wood's Athen. Oxon. vol. I. p. 79.

(*b*) Wright's Rutlandshire, p. 27.

(*c*) Nom. Equit. in Bibl. Cott.

(*d*) Fuller's Worthies, p. 106. in Berks.

(*e*) Wright's Rutland. p. 115.

(*f*) Le Neve's MSS. vol. I. p. 24.

his sole daughter (*a*) and heir, Isabel, married to Henry Rich, earl of Holland, (great grandfather to Edward, the present earl of Warwick and Holland.) My lord Clarendon, speaking of this earl of Holland, says (*b*), He was a great favourite of the duke of Buckingham's, he first preferr'd him to a wife, the daughter and heir of Cope, by whom he had a good fortune; and amongst other things, the manor and seat of Kensington; of which he was shortly after made baron.

Anthony Cope, Esq; (eldest brother to this Sir Walter) succeeded his father in the estate at Hanwell; was high sheriff (*c*) of Oxfordshire in the twenty-fourth and thirty-third years of Queen Elizabeth; received from her the honour of knighthood; and, in his own country, was one of the superior rank in all publick employments, and serv'd for the borough of Banbury in five several parliaments during her reign (*d*). He had, by many worthy acts, acquired much reputation, and the esteem of all that knew him; and no doubt, his character and interest in the country induc'd King James to appoint him his first high (*e*) sheriff of Oxfordshire, after his accession to the crown. That prince likewise knighted his eldest son, William, among the first he conferr'd that honour upon; and when he erected the degree of baronets, advanced this Sir Anthony, to that dignity, (by letters patents, bearing date 29 June, 1611.) He kept an hospitable house in the old english way, and integrity and virtue shin'd in all he did. Desiring retirement in the latter part of his life, he recommended to his countrymen his eldest son, Sir William Cope, for their knight of the shire in parliament, and they manifested their love, by chusing him in the three last parliaments of king James I. He died, full of honour, in the sixty-sixth year of his age, A. D. 1615, and was buried in the chancel of the church of Hanwell, under a fair marble tomb, against the north wall, where is the figure of a knight in full proportion, lying on his back, with his wife by him; at his feet his crest, viz. a *Fleur-de-lis*, with a *Dragon's Head* issuing out of the top; at her feet a *Bird*, with *Wings display'd*; and over all, this inscription:

(*f*) Hic jacet Sepultus Vir vere nobilis Antonius Cope,
Miles & Baronettus, qui obiit postquam conjugium cum
duabus Nobilissimis Uxoribus Sanctissime coluerat, & ex
earum altera Septem filios & tres filias susceperat,
Anno salutis quidem nostræ, 1615, Ætatis vero suæ 66.

Epicedion

(*a*) Mr. Le Neve in his *Monumenta Anglicana*, vol. I. p. 94, in the inscription upon Sir Thomas Fowler, of Islington, says, Sir Thomas Fowler, Knt. married (secondly) Dorothy, widow of Sir Walter Cope, of Kensington, Knt. But in Stow's Survey of London, vol. II. appendix, 133, he says, Sir Thomas Fowler, of Islington, Knt. married Dorothy, the daughter of Sir Walter Cope, of Kensington, Knt. and had by her no issue. This last I take to be a mistake, and Le Neve right; for it appears, that all Sir Walter's estate went with Isabel, his sole daughter and heir.

(*c*) Fuller's *Worthies* in Oxfordshire, p. 344.

(*b*) Octavo edit. vol. I. p. 63.

(*d*) Ex Coll. B. Willis Arm.

(*e*) Fuller, *ibid.* (*f*) Ex MSS. Collect. R. Rawlinson, A. M. & Coll. Div. J. Bapt.

Epicedion Honoratissimi viri A. C. olim

Militis & Baronetti

In Effigiem

Siccine divinum Heroa repones ?

Effigies vultus siccine & Ora refers ?

Siccine deformis tibi truncus, inutilis excors ?

Siccine sordebat, quem pia turba stupet ?

Ast fallor prudenter agis, dum nocte recondis

Discere quæ nequeunt marmora, Musa, dies.

At licet illius non sis præconia fando

Finge tamen vocem, & ultima verba refer.

Effigies ad Lectorem.

Quæ te fata manent, ex me vel discere viator

Quo nemo a fatis tutior esse potest

Est formosa tibi conjunx, numerosaque proles

Est domus & fundus, gloria, forma, decus.

Corporis ac animi dotes prudensque piusque

Siccus eram & sanus (si qua fides populo

Nam mea me memorare piget) mors illa moratur

Nil minus ergo etiam te tua fata manent

Serius aut citius mors ultima linea rerum

Marmore te condet, cespitibusque teget.

Conclusio.

Quod mors una docet dixi dehinc cætera mitto

Una resurgendi spesque fidesque manet

Una salus Christus, deus & pater unus & una

Urna domus præsens, una futura polus

R. H. (*i. e.* Rob. Harris, Rector hujus Ecclesiæ) æternæ

Memoriæ

Summi viri D. D.

This Sir Anthony Cope, Bart. by Frances his first wife, daughter of Sir Rowland Lytton, of Knebworth (*a*), in com. Hertf. Knt. (by Anne, his second wife, daughter of George Carleton, of Brightwell, in com. Oxon. Esq;) had three daughters; Anne, married to Sir John Leigh, Knt. (ancestor to the present lord Leigh, of Stonley) (*b*); Elizabeth, to Sir Richard Cecil, Knt. (from whom the present earl of Exeter is descended) (*c*); and Mary, to Henry Champernown, of Dartington, in Devonshire, Esq; Also seven sons; four of which lived to men's estate; Sir William, Anthony, Richard, and John.

Anthony, and Richard, went into Ireland, and left families in that kingdom; the former had three sons, Henry, Anthony, and John; Richard, the second son, who was of Wicklow, (and by Anne, his wife, sister to Sir William Walter, of Wimbleton,

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(*a*) Chauncy's Hertf. p. 352, 353.
 233; (*c*) Ibid. vol. II. p. 93.

(*b*) Collins's Peerage of England, vol. IV.

in Surry, Knt.) had issue, amongst others, 1. Walter Cope, of Wicklow, Esq; (who married two wives, ——— Daughter of the bishop of Kilmore, and ——— daughter of Henry, lord Blany, baron of Monaghan, and left issue, Walter Cope, Esq; his son and heir.) 2. Richard, who married Elizabeth, daughter of John Pate, of Leicestershire. 3. Anthony. 4. William Cope, of Icombe, in com. Gloucest. Esq; who married lady Elizabeth, daughter of Francis, earl of Westmorland, relict of Sir John Cope, Bart. hereafter mentioned, and had issue two sons, Henry, and William, and two daughters; Elizabeth, married to Thomas Whitney, Esq; son and heir of Sir Robert Whitney, of Herefordshire, Knt. and Rachael, who died unmarried.

Sir Anthony Cope, Bart. married to his second lady (*a*), Anne, daughter of Sir William Paston, of Paston, in Norfolk, Knt. relict, first of Sir George Chaworth, of Wiverton, in Nottinghamshire, Knt. and afterwards, of Sir Nicholas L'Estrange, of Hunstanton, in Norfolk, Knt.

Sir William Cope, Knt. and Bart. (eldest son and heir of Sir Anthony) was elected in the first parliament called by King James I. a burgeess for Banbury (*b*), and for the county of Oxon, one of the knights of the shire in three other parliaments, viz. 12, 18, and 21 of that reign, and was high sheriff of Oxfordshire (*c*), 17 Jac. I. which sufficiently testifies he was a gentleman of worth and interest in his country. He died the 23 of August, 1637, and was buried the 22d of the same month, in the chancel of the church of Hanwell. By Elizabeth, his wife, daughter and sole heir of Sir George Chaworth, of Wiverton, in Nottinghamshire, Knt. and Anne, his wife, daughter of Sir William Paston, Knt. he became possessed of Marneham (*d*), in the county of Nottingham, the most ancient inheritance of the Chaworths, and left issue, two sons, Sir John, his successor, and Jonathan; and three daughters, Frances, who married Robert, son and heir of Sir Robert Lee, of Billeslee, in com. Warw. Knt. Mary, and Ursula, who died unmarried.

Jonathan, second son, married Anna (*e*), daughter of Sir Hatton Fermor, of Easton, in com. Northamp. Knt. was seated at Rawton-Abbey, in Staffordshire, and left issue, Jonathan, his son and heir, father to the present Sir Jonathan Cope, who was created a baronet by her majesty Queen Anne, of whom in its proper place.

Sir John Cope, Bart. (eldest son of Sir William) married first, Mary, daughter of Sir John Walter, Knt. lord chief-baron of the exchequer, who died, leaving him an only daughter, Anne: He afterwards

(*a*) Thoroton's Nottinghamshire, p. 101. and Le Neve MSS. vol. I. p. 24. (*b*) Ex Coll. B. Willis, Arm. (*c*) Fuller's Worthies in Oxfordshire. (*d*) Thoroton's Nottinghamshire, p. 102, and 364. (*e*) Collins's Peerage, vol. III. p. 734.

afterwards married lady Elizabeth, daughter to Francis, earl of Westmorland, and had issue, three sons: Sir Anthony, William, who died young, and Sir John: Also two daughters; Mary, who died an infant, and Elizabeth, married to Thomas Estcourt, of Shipton-Estcourt, in com. Glouc. Esq. Lady Elizabeth, surviving her husband, Sir John, afterwards married (a) William Cope, of Icomb, in Gloucestershire, Esq; before mentioned.

Sir Anthony Cope, Bart. (eldest son of Sir John) married Mary, daughter of Dutton, lord Gerrard, of Gerrard's-Bromley, in com. Staff. and had issue a daughter, Mary, and three sons; John, Anthony, and Henry, who all died young; the latter lies buried at Hanwell, with this inscription to his memory:

Memoriæ Sacrum.

Hic jacet Magnæ indolis Majoris Spei adoleſcentulus
Henricus Cope, nobiliſſimorum Parentum D. Anton.
Cope, Baronetti & Mariæ Uxoris ejus filius unicus,
& unicæ dilectus, qui Sabbatico Anno hic tranſacto
requievit in domino, æterno Sabbato fruiturus, tranſ-
tulit eum Dominus, cum annum agerit octavum,
ipſo die dominico Junii 8.

A. Dom. 1662.

Dominus dedit, Dominus abstulit

Dominus reddit.

This Sir Anthony, was bred in Oriel college, Oxon, and serv'd for Banbury, at the restoration of King Charles II. and the next year, in the first parliament called by that prince, was chosen knight of the shire for the county of Oxford. In which parliament he sat till he died, anno 1675, when, for want of issue male, the title and estate devolv'd on his brother,

Sir John Cope, Bart. who was bred up at Queen's college, Oxon, and having travelled into France, Italy, and Germany, at his return, had an honourable command in Dunkirk, when that fortress was delivered to the French; and on the death of his brother, was chosen in his room, knight of the shire for the county of Oxford, and was likewise elected for the same county in two other parliaments, in the reign of King Charles II. and also in the first year of King William and Queen Mary, and in the tenth of William III. for Banbury (b). He took to wife Anne, daughter of Mr. Philip Booth, by whom he had issue a daughter, Elizabeth, who died young; and after her, seven sons successively, viz. 1. Sir John, his successor: 2. Anthony, who married Anne, daughter of the reverend Mr. Nathaniel Spinkes, formerly rector of Peakirk, in Northamptonshire, and prebendary of Sarum, (author of the *Sick Man visited*, and several other pieces;) and sister

(a) Le Neve's MSS, ibid.

(b) Ex Coll. B. Willis, præd.

to the late William Spinkes, Esq; by whom he has no issue: 3. Charles: 4. Gallen, who was first a captain of horse, but afterwards quitted the army and lived retired some time, then took orders, and was rector of Everfley, in Hants; he died lately, leaving issue a son: 5. Daniel: 6. Albion; and 7. William, who was a lieutenant in the foot guards, and died June 7, 1706. The three last died unmarried.

Sir John Cope, his eldest son, the present baronet, had his education in Oriel college, Oxon, and about the year 1691, he and his brother Anthony, both travelled abroad, and spent about two years in the academy of Wolfenbottle, from whence they went to most of the courts in Germany, and Italy; and at their return home, John, the eldest, was knighted by King William, at Kensington, January, 169 $\frac{1}{2}$. In the fourth of Queen Anne, he serv'd in parliament for the borough of Plympton, and has been elected in all parliaments since; in the reigns of Queen Anne, and King George I. for the borough of Tavestock, in com. Devon. and in the first parliament called by his present majesty, he was elected one of the knights of the shire for the county of Southampton, and is member in the present parliament for Limington, in the said county.

Sir John, married in 1696, Alice, daughter of Sir Humphry Monnoux, of Wotton, in Bedfordshire, Bart. by whom he hath issue, two sons. Monnoux Cope, Esq; the eldest son, was member of parliament for Banbury, in Oxfordshire, in the last parliament of his late majesty: He married Penelope, only daughter of the honourable Henry Mordaunt, Esq; lieutenant-general of his majesty's forces, (next brother to Charles, late earl of Peterborough) by his second wife Penelope, only child of William Tipping, of Ewelme, in the county of Oxford, Esq; by whom he had two sons; William, who died young, and John, now living. She died December, 1737. John Cope, Esq; the second son, is one of the gentlemen-ushers to his majesty, and is as yet unmarried. Anne, the only daughter of Sir John, married William Bethell, of Rise, in the county of York, Esq; by whom he had two sons, Hugh, and William. She died in February, 1728.

ARMS: Argent, on a Cheveron Azure, between three Roses Gules, flipt proper, as many Fleur de Lis, Or.

CREST: On a Wreath, a Fleur de Lis, Or, a Dragon's Head issuing from the top thereof, Gules.

MOTTO: *Æquo adeste Animo.*

SEAT: *Bramsell, near Hertford-Bridge, in Hampshire.*

II, GRESLEY, of Drakelow, Derbyshire.

(GEORGE, ESQUIRE,)

Created BARONET, June 29, 1611.

THE original of this family, (denominated from Grefeley, in com. Derb.) anciently written Grefele, Grefelei, Greflea, Grefly, &c. I find to be deriv'd from Malahulcius, uncle to the famous Rollo, sometime duke of Normandy, and progenitor to William the conqueror. From which Malahulcius, descended Roger de (a) Toeny, standard-bearer of Normandy, whose younger sons, Robert, and Nigell, accompanied William the conqueror into England; and the former, at the time of the general survey, (14 Will. I.) possessed near 150 lordships, whereof Stafford, being his residence, he thence surnamed (b) himself, and was ancestor to the noble race of the Staffords; of whom, Humphry, was created duke of Buckingham by King Henry VI. with precedency before all dukes, both in England and France, the blood-royal excepted.

Nigell, aforesaid, held Drachelawe, Thorpe, Kingesley, Morton, and other lordships, in Derbyshire and Staffordshire (c), as appears by doomsday-book, and is the direct ancestor to this family of Gresley, still possessing the lordship of Drakelow, &c. in com. Derby (d); and William Greisley, the son of this Nigell, was founder of the monastery of Grefeley, in honour of St. George, tho' now in ruins (e); (but the estate and manor still remains with the family.) Mr. Camden, mentioning Greisley-castle, says, it is a meer ruin, which, with the little monastery of St. George there, was built by the Greisleys, formerly lords of it, who derived their pedigree from William, son of Nigell, surnamed de Griseley; and have flourished from the Norman conquest (f), to our times (1607) in great honour. Robert de Greflei (g), son and heir of the said William, in anno 1134, (35 Hen. I.) founded an abbey of Cistercian monks, at Swineshed, in com. Linc. (h) and (inter alia) gave thereunto his mill, at Mancestre, in com. Lanc. having his principal feat at that lordship. Robert de Grefleia, and Henry,

(a) Dugd. Bar. of Eng. vol. I. p. 156. (b) Ibid. (c) Nigellus pater istius Willmi tempore regis Willmi conquestoris, tenuit maner. & Thorpe, Kingesley, & Morton, &c. in com. Staff. ut apparet in libro vocat. Domsday, composit. 20 regis Willmi conquest. Glover's Visit. of Staffordshire, p. 25. (d) Dugdale's Bar. of Eng. vol. I. p. 156. (e) Ex Inf. Tho. Grefley, de Netherfeile, in com. Leic. Arm. (f) Camden's Britannia, vol. I. p. 585. (g) Glover's Visit. Staff. p. 25. and Sir Richard St. George's Derbyshire, p. 74. (h) Mon. Ang. vol. I. p. 773. n. 40 & 50.

Henry, his brother, are likewise mentioned in Sir William Dugdale's *Monasticon*, as witnesses to a deed of Robert, abbot of Burton, on Trent; and in a charter of King John, confirming grants to the knights hospitalers of St. John of Jerusalem; for therein, Ralph de Grisleia, by the concession of his brethren, Robert, Niggell, Henry, and William, and of William, earl of Ferrars, their lord, gives to those knights all their fee and tenement in Hedria, and in Raveston, with all the appurtenances (*a*).

From this Robert, by a younger branch, descended the Gresleys that had summons to parliament among the barons of the realm (*b*), whereof Thomas de Greslei, having summons to parliament from 1 till 4 Ed. II. inclusive, died without issue; and Joan, his sister, became his heir, who married John, the son of Roger de la Warre, and brought a fair inheritance to that noble family, from whom the present lord de la Warr is descended.

William de Greslei, of Drachelawe, eldest son (*c*) and heir to the aforesaid Robert, had issue Sir Geffery de Gresley, lord of Morton, who was returned with Robert de Frechville, knights of the shire for Derby, at the parliament held at London, in 28 Ed. I. and in the same year and the following, return'd for the same county, with Ralph de Frechville, in the parliaments held at Lincoln (*d*). This Sir Geffery, had four yard land, in (*e*) Cofington, with his wife Margaret, daughter of Maud de Somerville, of Cofington (*f*), in com. Leicest. William, his son and heir, who, by his charter, (stiling himself William de Gresselee (*g*), son and heir of Geffery de Gresselee) gave land in Kingeston to the priory of Roucester, in com Staff. (*h*) He was afterwards a knight, and, by Elizabeth, his wife, daughter of John Bakepuiz (*i*), lord of Burton, left issue Geffery de Gresley, who, by Agnes his wife, was father to Peter (*k*), who had to wife Joan, daughter of Robert, lord Stafford, of Eggington, in com. Derb. and was succeeded in his estate by Geffery, his son and heir, who married Margaret, daughter of Sir John Gernon, of Lavington, and left issue two sons, Sir John, and Sir Nicholas Gresley; the former was high sheriff of Staffordshire, 46 Ed. III. and took to wife

(*a*) Burton, in his description of Leicestershire, p. 129, treating of Hether, says, this manor did anciently belong to the Templers, and after to the knights hospitalers of St. John of Jerusalem, by the grant of Jeffrey de Greisley, as it appeareth by this record, viz. Hether est de feodo de ferrariis & prior hospitalis Jerusalem in Anglia tenet per dimid. teod. j. militis de Galfredo de Gresley & Galfredus de comite & comes de rege.—The same author, in Donisthorpe, p. 91, observes, This manor hath been (for many years) belonging to the Greisleies, a very ancient family, who had in this tract, very large territories, lands and possessions, who had (long since) a castle, at Castle-Greifeley, and founded a priory at Greifeley, dedicated to the honour of St. George. (*b*) Dugd. Bar. vol. II. p. 608. (*c*) Glover's Visit. of Staff. p. 25. (*d*) Will's's Not. Parl. vol. II. p. 217. (*e*) Burton's Leicest. p. 76. (*f*) Sir Richard St. George's Visit. of Derbysh. p. 74. (*g*) Mon. Ang. vol. II. p. 269. (*h*) Glover's Visit. ibid. (*i*) Sir R. St. George, ibid. (*k*) Ex Stem. huj. Fam. in Coll. Tho. Jekyl, Arm.

wife, Alice, daughter of Sir Roger Swynerton, of Swynerton, Knt. but died without issue male.

Sir Nicholas, his brother and heir (*a*), was living in 3 Ric. II. and having married Thomazine, daughter and heir of Sir Thomas Gwasteneys, or Wasteneys, Knt. lord of Colton, in Staffordshire, and the heir of that ancient family, a great addition was made to his estate, which descended to Thomas, his son and heir: tho' he had another son, Roger, of Church-Gresley, who left a daughter and heir, Margaret, married to William Babthorp, of Elston, in com. Leicest. Esq;

Which Thomas de Gresley, his son and heir, was returned one of the knights for Derbyshire, in the parliament held 2 Hen. IV. (*b*) and before that time had received the honour of knight-hood. He was likewise elected for the said shire in the parliaments held in 2 and 5 Hen. V. serv'd high sheriff of Staffordshire 1 Hen. VI. and was returned among the knights of the said county, in 12 Hen. VI. (*c*) He married Margaret (*d*), daughter of Sir Thomas Walslip, of Wanlip, in Leicestershire, Knt. and left issue, John, his son and heir.

Which John, married (in the life-time of his father) Margaret, daughter of Sir Thomas Clavel, (or Clarell) of Yorkshire, Knt. by Matilda (*e*), daughter of Sir Nicholas Montgomery, Knt. and had by her a daughter, Catherine, married to Sir William de Peto, Knt. about the 4th of Hen. VI. for which he, Sir William, (with others) stood engag'd (24 Hen. VI.) in a statute-merchant for large sums of money taken up by him for the king's service (*f*). This Sir John Greisley, was elected one of the knights for Staffordshire, in the parliament held in 31 Hen. VI. and one of the knights for Derbyshire (*g*), in 39 Hen. VI. and was succeeded by a son of his own name. John Gresley, who likewise serv'd in parliament, in 17 Ed. IV. for Derbyshire, and afterwards receiv'd the honour of knight-hood. He left issue, by Anne his wife, daughter of Sir Thomas Stanley, of Elford, in com. Stafford, Knt. three daughters; the eldest married John Egerton, of Wrinehill, the second, to Thomas Darell, of Croteney, and the third to Simon Mountford, of Coleshil, Esqrs. also a son, Thomas, heir to his estate.

Which Thomas Gresley, was likewise a knight, and taking to wife Anne, daughter to Sir Thomas Ferrers, of Tamiworth-castle, in com. Warw. Knt. had issue five sons; William, John, a priest, George, Robert, and James: whereof William, the eldest, succeeded to the estate at Drakelow.

Which

(*a*) Some Pedigrees make Sir John, to have had two wives; 1. Swynerton, by whom no issue; 2. Joan, by whom he was father of Sir Nicholas.

(*b*) Not. Parl. præd. p. 220.

(*c*) Fuller's Worthies in com. Staff.

(*d*) Burton's Leicest. p. 300.

(*e*) St. George's Derbyshire, *ibid*.

(*f*) Not. Parl. præd. p. 221.

(*g*) Dugd. Warw. vol. I. p. 477.

Which William, serv'd King Henry VIII. in his wars of France, and was with him at the siege of Teroven, and the battle of Spurs, and received from him the honour of knighthood, the 14th of October, at Lisle (*a*). He married Benedict, daughter of Henry Vernon, of Haddon, in com. Derby. Esq; but died without issue, so that George, his brother, became heir to the estate.

Which George Gresley, was seated at Colton, in com. Staff. was made knight of the Bath at the coronation of Queen Anne Bullen, 25 Hen. VIII. and having married first, Margaret, daughter of John Multho, of Findon, in Northamptonshire, Esq; and secondly, Catherine, daughter of Edward, lord Dudley, knight of the garter; had by the former only one son, William, who succeeded to the estate; and a daughter, Catherine, married to Edward Winter, of ——— in com. Leicest. Esq; and by the latter, two sons, Edward and Thomas, and a daughter, Elizabeth, married to Charles Somersct, Esq;

William, the eldest son and heir, was high sheriff of Staffordshire, in 4 Eliz. and afterwards received from that Queen the honour of knighthood. He had issue, by Catherine his wife, daughter of Sir Edward Aston, of Tixall, in com. Staff. Knt. (ancestor to the present lord Aston) three sons, Thomas, his successor in the estate, Hastings, and Simon, and four daughters, Jane, Mary, Elizabeth, and Grace; which last, married Sir Thomas Wolseley, Knt.

Which Thomas Gresley, Esq; resided at Drakelow, and likewise possessed the estate in Staffordshire (*b*); of which county he was high sheriff, in 25 Eliz. and in the thirty-third and forty-fifth of that Queen's reign, high sheriff of Derbyshire. He was knighted at Worso, in com. Nott. (20th April, 1603) having met King James in his journey from Scotland to take possession of the English crown (*c*). He married first, Catherine, daughter of Sir Thomas Walsingham, of Scadbury, in Kent, Knt. (and Dorothy, his wife, daughter of Sir John Guldeford, Knt. and Barbara, his wife, daughter of Thomas West, lord Delawarr) (*d*), and had issue, five sons and three daughters; Henry, the eldest son, died A. D. 1583, æt. 4; and George, his brother, succeeded to the estate. 3. John, who married Joane, daughter of Jasper More, of Larder, in Salop. 4. William; and 5. Walsingham. This Walsingham Gresley, appears to have been a considerable traveller, and 'tis imagined, was in some publick employ abroad; for we find him a correspondent with James Howell, Esq; one of the clerks of the council, temp. Car. I. (*e*) who thus writes to him in a letter from Madrid, dated Feb. 3. 1623. 'I thank you for
your

(*a*) Nom. Equit. in Bibl. Cott.
MSS. vol. I. p. 27.

(*c*) Philpot's Cat. of Knights.

(*d*) Le Neve's

(*e*) Howell's Letters, edit, 1737, 8vo. p. 164.

' your letter in my lord's last packet, wherein, among other passages, you write to me the circumstances of marquis Spinola's raising his leaguer, by flatting and firing his works before Bergen; he is much taxed here to have attempted it, and to have buried so much of the king's treasure before that town, in such costly trenches. A gentleman came hither lately, who was at that siege all the while, and he told me one strange passage, how Sir Ferdinando Cary, a huge corpulent knight, was shot thro' his body, the Bullet entring at the navel, and coming out at his back, kill'd his man behind him, yet he lives still, and is like to recover, &c.' And concludes thus: ' Before you return hither, which I understand will be speedily, pray bestow a visit on our friends in Bishopsgate-street.'

The three daughters of Sir Thomas, were, 1. Catherine, wife to Francis Dethick, of Newhall, Esq; she afterwards married Sir Bartholomew Hales, of Somerfield, Knt. and thirdly, Henry Gibbs, Esq; 2. Catherine, married to Sir Richard Harpur, of Swerkeston, in Derbyshire, Knt. and 3. Dorothy, to Sir Alexander Barlow, of Barley-moor, in com. Salop, Knt. This Sir Thomas Gresley, Knt. had a second wife, Mary, daughter of Sir Richard Southwell, of Woodrising, in Norfolk, Knt. relict of Henry, son and heir of Sir Thomas Paston, Knt. by whom he had no issue.

George Gresley, Esq; eldest surviving son, residing at Drakelow, in Derbyshire, (the ancient possession of his ancestors, from the conquest) was advanced to the dignity of a baronet, June 29, A. D. 1611. He was a gentleman of good parts, an encourager of learning, and Sir William Dugdale ow'd (in some measure) his rise to him; for Sir George, being well known to Thomas, earl of Arundel, earl-marshal of England, introduc'd him to his acquaintance (a), on his first coming to London. He serv'd in parliament 3 Car. I. for Newcastle-Underline, in Staffordshire, and having marry'd Susan, daughter to Sir Humphry Ferrers, of Tamworth-castle, in com. Warw. Knt. had issue two daughters, Elizabeth, who died unmarried, and Dorothy, married first to Robert Milward, of Bradley-Ash, Esq; and secondly to Edward Willmot, D. D. also one son, Thomas Gresley, Esq; who married Bridget, daughter to Sir Thomas Burdet, of Bramcot, in com. Warw. and Formark, in com. Derb. Bart. and died in the life-time of his father (b), having had ten children. 1. Jane; 2. Henry; 3. George, who died infants: 4. Sir Thomas, successor to his grandfather: 5. Frances, the wife of John Whitehall, of Pipe-Ridware, in com. Staff. Esq. 6. Bridget, married to Thomas Brome, of Fisherwick, in com. Staff. Esq. 7. George, who married Jane, daughter of Thomas Nelson, of Northampton, and died without issue: 8. Catherine,

(a) Wood's *Athenæ Oxon.* vol. II. f. 551, p. 8.

(b) Dugdale's *Derb.* fo. 32.

Catherine, wedded to Richard Dyot, of the city of Litchfield, Esq; 9. Elizabeth, wife to Philip Trafford, of Swithamly, in com. Staff. 10. Mary, married to John Harpur, rector of Morley, in com. Derb. grandson of Sir Richard Harpur, of Littleover, in com. Derb. Knt.

Sir Thomas Gresley, Bart. who succeeded his grandfather in the estate and title, took to wife Frances, daughter and coheir of Gilbert Morewood, of London, and afterwards of Netherseile, in Leicestershire, Esq; and had issue three sons and eleven daughters: 1. Frances, wife of William Inge, of Thorp-Constantine, in com. Staff. Esq; 2. Bridget; 3. Elizabeth, who died infants; 4. Dorothy, married to Thomas Ward; 5. Mary, wedded to Daniel Walsen, of Burton, in com. Staff. Esq; 6. Grace, married to Robert Roby, of Donnington-castle, in com. Leic. 7. Sir William, his successor; 8. Anne; 9. Catherine, who died infants; 10. Letitia; 11. Thomas Gresley, of Netherseile, in com. Leic. Esq; (who took to wife, Elizabeth, daughter of John Lee, of Ladyhole, in com. Derb. Gent. and heir to her brother, and had issue, Lee Gresley, William, John, and Elizabeth;) 12. Isabel, who died unmarried; 13. Charles Gresley, of Dunstall, in com. Staff. Esq; (who, by Anne his wife, daughter and coheir of John Bott, of Dunstall aforesaid, Gent. left only three daughters, his coheirs, viz. Elizabeth, Frances, and Anne; Elizabeth married Thomas Bott, of Coventry, Gent. nephew to John, beforementioned, who bought the shares of Frances and Anne Gresley, and thereby became sole possessor of the estate at Dunstall (a).) 14. Sarah, married to Paul Balladon, of Stapenhill, in com. Derb. Esq;

This Sir Thomas Gresley, had sepulture in Gresley-Church, in com. Derb. and his second son, Thomas Gresley, of Netherseile, in the county of Leicester, Esq; (his executor) erected to his memory a noble monument, with a bust as big as the life, kneeling in an arch, and all the matches of the family, according to the pedigree, in proper shields round it, and his offspring and their matches underneath it; also the proper achievements of the family, with the motto, *Meliorē fide quam fortuna*; and this inscription:

Sir Thomas Gresley,
Of Drakelow,
In the County of Derby, Baronet,
Died the 5th of June, 1699,
aged 70.

Sir William Gresley, Bart. (son and heir of Sir Thomas) married Barbara, daughter to John Walcot, of Walcot, in com. Salop. Esq; and relict of Richard Okeley, of Okeley, in the said county, Esq;

(a) Ex Infer. Tho. Bott, Gen.

Esq; and had issue, two sons, Sir Thomas, and William, (who died an infant) also a daughter, Bridget, married to Adam Ottley, of Pichford, in com. Salop, Esq; and dying 17 October, 1711, in the forty-eighth year of his age, was succeeded in dignity and estate, by his only surviving son,

Sir Thomas Gresley, the present baronet, who married, 1719, first, Dorothy, daughter and coheir of Sir William Bowyer, of Knipersley, in the county of Stafford, Bart. by whom he had issue, seven sons, and three daughters, who all died young, except two, Thomas, and Nigel, who are still living (a). In the body of the church of Gresley, on the south side, between two windows, a very neat monument of various sorts of marble, is erected, by Sir Thomas Gresley, to the memory of this lady, (who died July 31, 1736) with the following inscription :

Near this Place
Lieth the Body of
Dame Dorothy Gresley,
Wife of Sir Thomas Gresley, Bart.
Of Drakelow, in this Parish;
And one of the Daughters and Coheirs of
Sir William Bowyer, of Knipersley,
In the County of Stafford, Bart.
She was a good Wife, a tender Mother,
And a sincere Friend :
And departed this Life the 31st Day of July,
1736.

Near this Place lie also the Remains
Of several of the Children of the said
Sir Thomas Gresley,
By the said
Dame Dorothy Gresley.

Sir Thomas married, 1739, to his second lady (b), Gertrude, daughter and coheir of John Grammer, of Pledwick, in the county of York, Esq.

ARMS: Vaire, Ermine and Gules.

CREST: On a Wreath, a Lion Passant Ermine, arm'd, langu'd and collar'd, Gules.

MOTTO: *Meliorē fide Fortuna.*

SEATS: At Drakelow, in Derbyshire, and Knipersley, in Staffordshire.

(a) Ex Infor, Dom. Tho. Gresley, Bar. (b) Ibid.

12. COTTON, of Connington, Huntingdonshire.

(Sir ROBERT, KNIGHT,)

Created BARONET, June 29, 1611.

THIS ancient family (to which the learned world is so much indebted) all authorities agree, is descended out of Cheshire, where there are two towns of the same denomination; one in the hundred of Northwych, the other in Broxton, tho' neither of them mentioned in doomsday-book.

The first we find mentioned, is William de Cotun, father of Simon, who lived temp. Edw. I. who had issue, William, who was twice married, to Isabel, and Joan. Edmund, was his son and heir, living 16 Ed. III. who by his wife Catherine, had issue Robert, and William.

Robert, was of Coton, near Hanbury, in Staffordshire, and is mentioned in deeds, 30 Ed. III. but this line determined in heirs female, about the time of Hen. V. (a).

William Cotton, aforesaid, about the latter end of Ed. III. married Agnes, daughter and heir of Walter de Ridware, of (b) Hampfall-Ridware, in com. Staff. by Joan his wife, daughter and heir of Walter Walsheif, and Juliana, his wife, daughter and heir of John Basyng, of Boylston, in Derbyshire; by which marriage, the manor of Ridware, and other possessions accrued to him; and he assumed the arms of Ridware, as now borne by his posterity.

John Cotton, son and heir to the said William, bore the arms of Ridware, making Hampfall-Ridware his chief residence; and having married Isabel, daughter and heir of William Faulconer, of Thurcaston, in com. Leicest. Esq; (c) had issue,

Sir Richard Cotton, of Ridware, Knt. who married Elizabeth, sister, and afterwards coheir of Sir Hugh Venables, baron of Kinderton, in Cheshire; from which marriage proceeded two sons, John, and William.

From John, the eldest, who enjoy'd the estate at Ridware, and was living 35 Hen. VI. and 2 Ed. IV. descended the Cottons, of Ridware, in com. Staff. and the Cottons of Bould, and Crackmarsh, in the same county.

William,

(a) Visit. de Com. Hunt. Bib. Cot. Julius, F. 8. (b) Erdswick's Staff. p. 99.
 (c) Burton, in his description of Leicestershire, treating of Thurcaston, p. 287, says, The heir general of Faulconer, was married to Ridware, whose heir was married to Cotton; and p. 288. makes William de Coton, temp. Ed. III. to marry Agnes, daughter and heir to Walter de Ridware, by Agnes his wife, daughter and heir to Thomas Faulconer, and to have two sons, 1. Robert: 2. Richard de Coton, de Ridware, com. Staff.

William, the brother of the said John, was slain at the battle of St. Albans, temp. Hen. VI. in those fatal contentions between the houses of York and Lancaster (*a*). He married Mary, daughter and heir of Robert de Wefenham (*b*), son of Sir Hugh de Wefenham, by Agnes, daughter and heir of Sir John de Bruse (*c*), lord of Connington in the county of Huntingdon, and Exton, in com. Rutland. By which marriage, he came possessed of the first of those lordships, the seat of his posterity to this time.

Connington was once the seat of Turketile, or Turchil, the Dane (*d*), earl of the East Angles, who invited over Swaine, king of Denmark, to invade England; and he, with most of that nation, being exil'd by saint Edward the confessor, this seat, with his other large possessions, were given by the said king, to Waltheof, earl of Northumberland and Huntingdon, to whom, William the conqueror gave in marriage, lady Judith, his sister's daughter. Afterwards, Connington, and the earldom of Huntingdon, came to David, king of Scotland, son of Malcolm I. and Margaret his wife, niece to Edward the king, confessor, grandchild to Edmund, surnamed Ironside, king of the English Saxons, and sister and heir to Edgar Etheling, by which marriage, the stemme-royal of the Saxons became united into the blood-royal of the Scottish kings: which David, king of Scotland, married Maud, daughter to earl Waltheof, and had issue, Henry, earl of Huntingdon, who died at Calcone, 18 Steph. 1155, his father then living; leaving issue by Ada, daughter of William de Warren, second earl of Surry, David, earl of Carrick and Huntingdon, who died at Yerdley, in Northamptonshire, and was buried at Sawtrey-abbey, in com. Hunt. leaving issue by Maud, eldest daughter of Hugh Kevelioke, earl of Chester, one son and two daughters, viz. John, earl of Huntingdon, who died without issue, at Barnhall, 22 Hen. III. and Margaret, married to Allan, of Galloway, constable of Scotland; and Isabella, *dna de Conyngton*, who married Robert de Brus, lord of Anandale, in Scotland, and Cleaveland, in England: by this marriage, Robert de Brus, acquired this lordship of Connington, and died, leaving two sons, Robert, and Bernard de Brus.

Robert

(*a*) Vita Dom. Rob. Cotton, Bart. præfixa Catalog. Bib. Cotton. (*b*) Tho' in a pedigree now in the possession of one of this family, entitled, 'A descent of the lords of Conington, from Waltheof, earl of Huntingdon and Northampton, to whom St. Edward the confessor gave it, after he had banished Turkill the Dane, earl of the East Angles, whose seat it was,' this William Cotton, is mentioned as the thirteenth lord of Conington, and there said to marry Mary, daughter of Folville, of Rearby, niece and heir of Thomas Wefenham, (being his sister's daughter) which Thomas, was son of Robert Wefenham, son of Sir Hugh Wefenham, and Anne (not Agnes) his wife, eldest daughter and coheir to Sir John Brus.

(*c*) Agnes, sister and heir of Bernard, son of John de Brus, of Conyngton, married to Hugh de Wefenham, son of John, prov'd her age, 12 Ap. 27 Ed. III. Le Neve's MSS. vol. I. p. 35. See also Claus. 27. Ed. III. M. 22.

(*d*) Weaver's Fun. Mon. p. 496.

Robert de Brus, her eldest son (*a*), had a just claim to the crown of Scotland, whose son Robert, the third, thereof obtained full possession of that kingdom, in right from whom, our sacred sovereign, King Charles, is lineally descended (*b*); and

Bernard de Brus, her second son, had, by the gift of his mother (*c*), 'this lordship of Connington, with other large possessions in England, which, after four descents in that stem, was, by marriage of Anne, the daughter and heir of Sir John de Brus, to Sir Hugh Wefenham, brought into that family, who after three descents, by the marriage of Mary, the daughter and heir of the last of that surname, it came to William, second son of Sir Richard Cotton, of Ridware, in the county of Stafford (*d*). Mr. Camden, in his *Britannia* (*e*), speaking of Connington, says, 'it was held (as the lawyers word it) of the honour of Huntingdon, where, within a square ditch, are the plain footsteps of an ancient castle, which (with Saltry) was given by Canute, to Turkill the Dane, who lived among the East-Angles, and called in Sueno, king of Denmark, to plunder the nation: after Turkill's departure, it was possessed by Waldeof, earl of Huntingdon, son to Siward, earl of Northumberland, who married Judith, William the conqueror's neice, by his half sister on the mother's side; by whose eldest daughter it descended to the royal family of Scotland. For she, after her first husband's decease, married David, earl of Huntingdon, (afterwards king of Scotland) the younger son of Malcolm Canmor, king of Scotland, and Margaret his wife, of the royal family of the Saxons, (she being King Edmund Ironside's grandchild, by his son Edgar, who was surnamed, the Banish'd) David, had a son call'd Henry, and he another, call'd David, who was earl of Huntingdon: by Isabel, one of his daughters, Cunnington, and other large possessions came by marriage to Robert Brus, from whose eldest son, Robert, surnamed the Noble, James I. king of Great Britain, lineally derived his descent: and from his younger son, Bernard, who inherited Cunnington, and Exton, Sir Robert Cotton, Knt. derived his. And in the church are two ancient remarkable monuments; the one inscrib'd, *Imperator, Rex Franciæ, Anglo-Saxonum, Angliæ, Scotiæ*: the other; *Prince Henry of Scotland, Lord of Cunnington*; but both without date.'

The said lady Mary, daughter of Robert de Wefenham, having buried her husband, William Cotton, was married secondly, to Sir Thomas Billing, Knt. chief-justice of England in the reign of King Ed. IV. and thirdly, to Thomas Lacy, of Grancestre, near Cambridge, and dying 14 March, A. D. 1499, was buried on the south side of the altar of the church of St. Margaret, Westminster

(*a*) Weaver, ib. d. (*b*) Ibid. (*c*) Ibid. (*d*) Ibid. (*e*) Vol. I. p. 506.

minster (which isle, in that king's time, she had piously repair'd,) by her first husband. Weaver exhibits the graphical drafts of both their monuments. He is represented in armour with a surcoat of his arms of the Spread Eagle, and upon his knees at prayer, a book before him, and behind a group of fifteen children, all mature grown, whereof eight seem to be sons, and the other seven daughters; in a scrole over his head, *S. hoc o. m.* ' Her tomb ' was erected in the depth of popish ignorance and superstition (a), ' whereon is the portraiture of dame Mary Bylling, over whose ' head is prophanelly engraved that of an old man, representing ' the Almighty, emitting a refulgent ray upon the head of the ' virgin Mary, (on the sinister side of Bylling) from whose mouth, ' on a label, are these words—" *Ecce Ancilla Domini; fiat mihi ' secundum Verbum tuum.*" And on the dexter side, an angel, ' with the following words before his mouth, on a label:—" *Ave ' Maria, Gratia plena.*" And on a label issuing from the mouth ' of Mary Bylling, these words;—" *Blessed Lady, for thy glo- ' rious Salutation, bryng our Sowles to Everlasting Salvacion.*" And ' on two scrowles on each side of her, the following words;—" *Blessyd Trinitie, on me have Mercy.*" The four abovementioned ' figures, as well as the severall inscriptions, are engraven on ' small plates of brasse, inlaid in the top stone; as is also the fol- ' lowing inscription, on the side hereof (b):

Here lieth Mary Bylling, late Wife to Sir Thomas Bylling, Knight, Chief-Justice of England, and to William Coton, and Thomas Lacy; which Mary, died the 14th of March, in the Yeare of our Lord God, 1499.

His eldest son and heir, who succeeded him, was Thomas Cotton, of Connington, Esq; high sheriff of Cambridge and Huntingdonshire, 15 Hen. VII. who married Eleanor, daughter to Richard Knightley, of Fawesley, in com. Northamp. Esq; (by Eleanor his wife, daughter of John Throckmorton, of Coughton, in Warwickshire, Esq;) (c). He died 21 Hen. VII. 1506, and had issue three daughters; Eleanor, wife to Robert Mulsho, of Thingdon, in com. Northton, Esq; Mary, to — Grantoft, of Stanton, in com. Huntingdon, Esq; and Margaret, a nun, at Barking, in com. Essex. Also five sons; Thomas, William, George, Anthony, and Richard.

Thomas, succeeded to the estate; was likewise high sheriff of the counties of Cambridge and Huntingdon, 4 Hen. VIII. and departing this life the ninth year of that king's reign, left his wife a widow, and his eldest son in ward, and was buried in the abbey

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of

(a) Maitland's History of London and Westminster, p. 724. Mon. p. 495.

(c) Bridges's Northamptonshire, p. 64.

(b) Weaver's Fun.

of Saltry, in com. Hunt. as we are inform'd from a cenotaphial inscription set up by his great grand-son, Sir Robert Cotton, Bart. in the church at Connington, viz.

Asta, te amabo lege.

(a) Domum cum vivus non parabam in
quâ quiescerem mortuus; unam Saltreâ
curabat mihi heres benignus; sin hærede
benignior Pronepos hîc me restituisset,
latuissem Majoribus rudere Cœnobii.
Sum Thomas Cotton, quem Autoritas
Adulta, patriusque amor, casta conjux,
Paris filia, dulcesque liberi, ornârunt
At mors mihi eripiens, Patriam amicam
Posteris, Johannam viduam marito,
Hæredem pupillum custodi reliquit.

Anno Salut. 1519.

Vale.

Et abi in rem tuam.

His wife therein mention'd, was Joan, daughter of Philip Paris, of Linton in com. Cantab. Esq; by whom he had issue a daughter, Eleanor, married first to Edward Pitcher, of Trumington, in Cambridgshire; secondly, to Pepys, of Cottenham, in the same county; thirdly, to Dr. Walker, of Cambridge, M. D. and two sons, Thomas, and Richard Cotton, clerk.

Thomas Cotton, Esq; was high sheriff of Huntingdon and Cambridge, anno 1 Ed. VI. and having married Lucy, daughter and coheir to Thomas Harvy, of Elmeſtoke, in com. Linc. Esq; had issue, Thomas, Robert, Philip, Lawrence, John, Kivilioc, and Jane.

Thomas, the eldest son, succeeded to the inheritance: He was knight of the shire for Huntingdon, 4 and 5 Philip and Mary; and married two wives: 1. Elizabeth, daughter to Francis Shirley, of Staunton-Herold, in com. Leicest. Esq; (by Dorothy, his wife, daughter of Sir John Gifford, of Chillington, in com. Staff. Knt. and relict of John Congreve, Esq;) son of Sir Ralph Shirley, of Staunton-Herold, Knt. and Joan his wife, daughter of Sir Robert Sheffield, Knt. ancestor to the late duke of Buckingham; by whom he had two sons (b), Sir Robert, hereafter mentioned, and Thomas Cotton, of Gedding-Abbots, in com. Hunt. Esq; who married Mary, daughter of Robert Apreese (or Price,) of Washingly, in Huntingdonshire, Esq; and had issue, John Cotton, of Gedding, Esq; (c) who, by Frances, daughter and coheir to John Gifford, of White-Ladys, in Staffordshire, Esq; left only one daughter, his sole heir, Alice (d), married to —

Fitzherbert,

(a) Inſcrip, ejusd.
(d) Ibid.

(b) Hen. St. George's Viſit, Camb. p. 114.

(c) Ibid.

(a) St
e) Life of

Fitzherbert, of — in com. Staff. Esq; Thomas Cotton, Esq; had also by his first wife, daughter to Francis Shirley, Esq; three daughters; Lucy, married to — Talcarne, of Alhton, in Essex; Dorothy, to Maurice Baude, of Somerby, in com. Lincoln. and Johanna, to John Baude, of the same place, Esqrs. The said Thomas Cotton, Esq; took to his second wife, Dorothy, daughter of John Tamworth, of Hawsted, in com. Leicest. Esq; by whom he had three daughters; 1. Catherine, unmarried, 1613. 2. Frances, who was second wife to Sir Edward Montagu, of Boughton, in com. Northton. knight of the Bath, afterwards created lord Montagu, (ancestor to his grace the duke of Montagu) and 3. Rebecca, married to William Mulsho, of Thingdon, in com. Northton, Esq; He had also three sons, Henry; Ferdinand, and John, both merchants.

In St. Sepulchre's church, London, there is a monument on a pillar, in the body of that church, for Henry, the eldest son, by the second marriage, with this inscription (*a*):

Here is buried the Body of Henry Cotton, Gentleman, eldest Son of Thomas Cotton, of Connington, in the County of Huntingdon, Esq; by Dorothy Tamworth, his second Wife. He living honestly, died the 11th Day of June, 1614, and made his Executors, Sir Edward Montague. Knight of the Bath, married to Frances, his second sister, and William Mulsho, Esq; married to Rebecca, his third Sister, who in requital of his Kindness to them, erected this Remembrance for him.

Robert, the eldest son by the first wife, was born 22 Jan. A. D. 1570 (*b*), in the village of Denton, near Connington, (part of his ancestors inheritance) his parents having remov'd thither, not long after their marriage, as well for the splendor of his birth, as to be more at liberty from the incommodioufness of their own seat, arising from a great accession of new domesticks. He was no less illustrious in his descent from his mother, a Shirley, (whose chief is the present earl Ferrers,) than from his father. But he render'd his family more eminent by his own life, his sublime disposition, strong judgment, excellent endowments of mind, and other qualifications, that makes his name shine to posterity. After King James I. came to the English crown, who, by reason of his descent from the Bruces, acknowledg'd him his cousin, he wrote himself in his books, Bruceus; not in arrogance and ostentation, but in distinction to those of the name of Cotton, of other families; and as my author observes (*c*), in a grateful sense of the divine favour for that extraction, and to excite an emulation in his issue, to follow the virtues of such glorious ancestors.

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(*a*) Stow's Survey of London, vol. I. B. 3. p. 243. (*b*) Ex ejus vita in Bib. Cott.
(*c*) Life of Sir Robert Cotton, prefixed to the Catal. of the Cotton Library.

cestors. It is not doubted, but being the first-born, he had an education agreeable to the promising hopes of his future accomplishments. After his juvenile studies, he was sent to Trinity-college, Cambridge, where he thought it not sufficient to be register'd among academicks, and wear the habit only; unless by his studies he could be a benefit to his prince and nation. This he made good on leaving the university, not suffering his nature to flag, nor the vigour of his mind to be emasculated by pleasure and domestick delights; Queen Elizabeth then reign'd, whose favour was only to men of desert, which so inflam'd her subjects, especially such whose happy birth had rais'd them above the vulgar, that in divers capacities, some in maritime affairs, either in new discoveries, or in hostility against an enemy, or planting new colonies; others in military matters, others in embassies, &c. and such as staid at home, sedulously apply'd themselves in business of the court, in the law, mathematicks, mechanisim, and in national history and antiquities, (of singular use in civil affairs;) which last, Sir Robert, at the age of eighteen years made choice of, and at length, above the reach of any private purse, acquir'd such a library of rare and exquisite manuscripts, that Britain, nay, the whole christian world is his debtor. He maturely began his great collection, A. D. 1588, when, finding his residing at home not altogether adequate to his purposes, he came up to London, associated himself with Camden, and became a member of the society of antiquaries. That learned man had such an esteem for him, that he dedicated his remains to him, and when he died, was a benefactor to his library. He travelled into the north with Mr. Camden (*a*), anno 1599, to view the Picts wall, and other northern antiquities: those parts being plentifully stor'd with roman relicks, occasion'd thro' their long residence there to repress the barbarities of the Picts; and by this means, and the affinity of their faculties, he came acquainted with the lord William Howard, of Naworth-castle, in Cumberland, and other nobles; which being cultivated and maintain'd, introduc'd the marriage between his son, and a daughter of that noble house.

The reputation he attain'd, when young, by his learning and industry, increased with his years, in solid erudition and prudence; the same tenour and mode of life, without idleness or luxury; the same ardency and diligence to obtain antique books continued, but not for the sake of pomp or shew, or by reading them to find
discourse

(*a*) Mr. Camden. speaking of this Sir Robert, in his *Britannia*, vol. I. p. 506. says, 'A person, who, besides other excellencies, was a great admirer and master of learning, and had here a collection of antiquities from all parts; from whose singular courtesy I often received great light in these obscure and intricate matters. Divers Roman monuments brought by him from the Picts wall, do still remain in a summer-house, in the garden here, at Connington.'

discourse for vain speculations, but to fit him for more arduous enterprizes.

Upon the peace intended between Queen Elizabeth, and King Philip of Spain, he furnished England with Arguments for its precedency before that realm, which was foreseen would be a preliminary, and contested at the congress.

A.D. 1603, he received the honour of knighthood from King James I. being one of those many he conferr'd that honour on, before his coronation (a). During this reign, and in the many and various difficulties arising in state points, Sir Robert, was look'd upon, by common suffrage, one of the best instructed therein; hence, Henry, earl of Northampton, and lord privy-seal, 1608, became his familiar and perpetual friend, consulted him in what he publickly deliver'd, made him his confident, and found a return of wisdom and fidelity.

He became soon after known to Henry, prince of Wales, who required his information in reference to his court and palace. He was advis'd withal in the case of the union of the two kingdoms, by Robert, earl of Salisbury, and the aforesaid earl of Northampton. The commissioners of the earl marshalship referr'd to his arbitration the different judgments of the heralds, concerning precedency among the city magistrates; and his opinion was likewise desir'd by several others, in many different cases of moment.

The same year, 1608, he is nominated, with the earl of Northampton, and others, in the commission for better ordering and providing for the navy; render'd almost useless by inactivity and neglect, and assisted in composing a treatise on that subject.

A.D. 1609, he wrote upon duelling and single combat, used before either king, high-constable, and marshal.

About the years 1609 and 10, the nation being weak in treasure, methods were set on foot to replenish the same without burthen to the subject, and danger to the laws; Sir Robert, among others, had this province, being a person whose judgment had list'd the deeds of past ages. They pitch'd on this hereditary dignity of baronets, propos'd for the reduction of Ulster, in Ireland, and that each advanced to it, should pay 1000l. and this was approv'd on, and Sir Robert himself dignify'd with the same, in the ninth year of King James I.

About the 14th year of this reign, he compendiously wrote the life of King Henry III. for the expeditious reading of King James I. that he might use it as a mirror; and that king designing a marriage with Spain for his son Prince Charles, which the English dislike'd: Sir Robert, had the honour to manage this affair, representing the history of the Austrian leagues, truces, &c. anno 1625, and stood in defence of the duke of Buckingham, when

when the Spanish embassadors endeavoured to incense the king against him, whom they conceiv'd broke off the intended match. Neither was he a less patron to ecclesiasticks, asserting their cause against the Puritans, from the constitutions of the empire, and the laws of our Saxon kings. He collected an exact abridgment of the parliamentary records in the Tower of London, from the reign of King Edward II. unto King Richard III. which was publish'd after his decease, by William Prynne, of Lincoln's-Inn, Esq; who, in his preface to it, says, 'It was collected by that
' most eminent, industrious collector of our best, rarest English
' antiquities, manuscripts, leger-books, records of all sorts,
' whose famous name and memory alone, are sufficient to add
' more praise and lustre to this abridgment, than any panegyric
' epistle I am able to prefix thereto.' He wrote many tracts, some of which were published after his death. In the reign of King James I. he was twice chosen knight of the shire for the county of Huntingdon, and none more judicious and intelligent of our constitution, where he behaved himself as a loyal subject to his sovereign, and an honest representative to his country: but whilst the constitution of his body promis'd long life, a sudden fever seiz'd him; labouring under which, and foreseeing his death, he prepar'd himself for it like a true christian, and made his will (a), leaving his only son Thomas, his heir and executor, settling the great beneficial treasure of his library, which he had been forty years collecting, at a vast expence, upon the said Thomas, and after him, upon his grandson, John, therein express'd, aged at that time, ten years old, and afterwards to his right heirs, never to be alienated.

He died, after two days sickness, on the 6th of May, A. D. 1631, aged sixty years, three months, and a few days, at his house in Westminster, whence, with solemn pomp, he was carried to Connington, as he appointed in his will; and was interr'd on the south side of that church, under a fair monument erected by the piety of his wife and son: which lady, was Elizabeth, daughter and coheir of William Brocas, of Thedingsworth, in com. Leicest. Esq; whereon is this inscription:

Robertus Cottonus, Miles & Baronettus, Dominus hujus
Manerii de Connington.

Antiquæ & nobilis Familiæ Bruceorum ejusdem
Manerii Dominorum, per Parentalem Successionem
Hæres.

Sagacissimus Antiquitatum hujus Gentis Indigator,
Et Conservator notissimus.

Natus 22 Januarii MDLXX. Dentoniæ

Obiit

(a) Ult. Volunt. ejusd. Rob.

Obit 6 Die Maii MDCXXXI. in Domo sua
Westmonasterienfi.

Et juxta hic conditur, expectans Resurrectionem
Felicem.

Communis Mundo supereft Rogus.

Sir Thomas, his only surviving son, succeeded in title and estate. He represented the county of Huntingdon in parliament, 15 Car. I. and by his wife, Margaret, daughter to William, lord Howard, of Naworth-castle, in com. Cumb. third son to Thomas, duke of Norfolk, (ancestor to the present earl of Carlisle,) had issue one son, Sir John; and two daughters, Lucy, married to Sir Philip Wodehouse, of Kimberley, in Norfolk, Bart. and Frances. He married secondly, Alice, daughter and sole heir to Sir John Constable, of Dromonby, in com. Ebor. Knt. relict of Edmund Anderson, of Stratton, and Eyworth, in Bedfordshire, Esq; by whom he had two daughters; Frances, married to Sir Thomas Proby, of Elton-hall, in Huntingdonshire, Bart. and Alice, married to Sir Humphry Monnoux, of Wotton, in Bedfordshire, Bart. likewise four sons; 1. Thomas, who died unmarried at the age of seventeen years; 2. Sir Robert Cotton, of Hatley St. George, in com. Cantab. Knt. who, for several years, represented the county of Cambridge, in parliament, and was for many years one of the commissioners of the post-office, and by Gertrude, his wife, second daughter to Sir William Morrice, of Werington, in com. Devon. Bart. principal secretary of state to King Charles II. had issue, Robert, his son and heir, who died young; Thomas, who died issueless; and three daughters, Gertrude, and Frances, that died infants; and Alice, his sole surviving daughter and heir, born 1684, married to Samuel Trefusis, of —, in Cornwall, Esq; (by which match he became possessed of Hatley St. George, which descended to his son, Robert Trefusis, Esq; member in the last parliament for Truro, who lately sold the same to Thomas Pearce, Esq; one of the commissioners of the navy.) 3. Philip Cotton, of Connington, Esq; aged thirty-eight years, 1684 (a), who married twice; one of his wives was, Frances, daughter of Sir Toby Tyrrel, of Thornton, in Bucks, Bart. relict of Sir John Hewet, of Warresly, com. Huntingdon, Bart. but having no issue by either of them,

(a) St. George's Visit. of Camb, 1684.

them, left his estate to his nephew, Thomas Cotton, Esq; son of his brother, William Cotton, of Cotton-hall, in Cheshire, Esq; who was the youngest son of the said Sir Thomas Cotton, Bart. which William, the fourth and youngest son, married Mary, daughter of the rev. Mr. Robert Pulleyn, of Thurlston, in Leicestershire, by whom he had one son, and four daughters; Thomas, of whom hereafter; Mary, married to Jonathan Symonds, of Ormsby, in com. Norfolk, Esq; Alice, to William Shiers, Gent. Catherine, now living, unmarried; and Frances, married to Dr. Lewis, a physician, in London. Thomas Cotton, of Connington, in com. Cantab, Esq; only son and heir, married Anne, daughter and heir of Thomas Andrews, (who was grandson and heir of Sir Thomas Andrews, Knt. citizen of London,) by Anne, daughter and heir of Samuel Shute, Esq; sheriff of London, 1681, by whom he had many children, but left only Frances, his daughter and sole heir, married to Dingley Ascham, Esq; who now possesses Conington estate.

Which Sir Thomas Cotton, Bart. died the 13th of May, 1662, aged sixty-eight years, and was buried in the south chancel of the church at Connington, near his father, under a monument erected for the preservation of his memory, with this epitaph (a):

Thomas Cottonus, Baronettus, Rob. filius, Hares, &
Imitator paternæ sedulitatis in conquirendis Britan-
nicarum Antiquitatum Monumentis.

H. S. E.

Oppressæ Patriæ & Regi Carolo I. fidem præstitit;
Bibliothecam inestimabilem summo Studio,
Nec minoribus impensis conservavit;
Locupletavit & Posteritati eruditæ dicavit.
Duas Uxores, lectissimas Fœminas, sibi sociavit;
Ex priori, filium Johannem, filias Luciam & Franciscam suscepit,
Ex posteriori, tres filios (uno prorepto) & duas filias
Superstites reliquit
Obiit 13°. An. Dom. 1662.
Johannes Cotton, Patri amantissimo posuit.
Quantula pars hominum Corporis exuviae?

Sir

(a) Le Neve's Monumenta Anglicæ, vol. II. p. 92.

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Sir John Cotton, Bart. the eldest son, was his successor in title and estate. He was born in the year 1621, and represented the town of Huntingdon, in parliament, 13 Car. II. and the county of Huntingdon, 1 Jac. II. He had likewise two wives; 1. Dorothy, daughter and sole heir to Edmund Anderson, of Stratton, and Eyworth, in com. Bedf. Esq; grandson to Sir Edmund, lord chief-justice of the common-pleas, by whom he had one son, John, and a daughter, Dorothy, married to — Dennis, of Gloucestershire, Esq; and by Elizabeth, his second lady, daughter to Sir Thomas Honeywood, of Mark's-hall, in Essex, Knt. sister and heir to John le Mott Honeywood, Esq; (who died April 3, 1702,) he had ten children, of which, only three surviv'd, viz. one son, Robert, (now Sir Robert,) and two daughters, Elizabeth, and Mary-Honywood: Elizabeth, the eldest, married first, Lyonel Walden, of Huntingdon, Esq; secondly, — Smith, of Westminster, Esq; by the last she had one daughter, now living, unmarried; and by the first marriage, besides some that died young, she had, Lyonel, who died unmarried, and two daughters, his coheirs, viz. Elizabeth, and Hester: Elizabeth, was twice married; first, to Charles Pitfield, Esq; (by whom she had a son, Charles, and a daughter, Elizabeth: Charles Pitfield, Esq; the only son, married one of the daughters of Solomon Ashley, Esq; member in the last parliament for Bridport, in Dorsetshire, and died without issue; his widow, married for her second husband, the honourable Felton Hervey, Esq; youngest son of the earl of Bristol; Elizabeth, the daughter, who is also deceas'd, was married to Edward Bigland, of Long-Whetton, in com. Leicest. Esq;) and secondly, to Talbot Touchet, Esq; (by whom she left one daughter, Adelaïda, who is as yet unmarried;) Hester, the second daughter and coheir, married Humphry Orme, of Peterborough, Esq; a captain of his majesty's navy; (by whom she has one son, Walden.) Mary-Honywood, the second surviving daughter of Sir John, married Dr. Roger Kenyon, (son of Edward Kenyon, late rector of Prestwich, in Lancashire, by his wife, a daughter of colonel Richard Holland, of Heaton, in the same county,) they both died without issue.

The said Sir John, lies interr'd under a handsome monument, at Connington, whereon is this inscription:

H. S. E.

D. Johannes Cottonus,

Baronettus, D. Thomæ Filius, & D. Roberti nepos dignissimus, avitarum virtutum, pariter ac lauti Patrimonii hæres, quas egregiis animi, & ingenii dotibus, studiisque Literaturæ adauxit; & ornavit Bibliothecam, ab avo in ædibus Cottonianis Westmonasterii fundatam—Historiæ & Antiquitatis Britannicæ Sacrarium, ut in omne ævum integra & inviolabilis servaretur. Pro Pietate & præclarissimo de Patria optime merendi studio, in publicos literatorum Usus transferri, & perpetuo nexu addici, lege Parliamentaria curavit. Tandem, Saturdierum, & illibatæ apud omnes Famæ, duodecimo Die Septembris, a reparatæ hominum salutis MDCCII. Octogesimo primo Ætatis Anno, Strattoniæ in Agro Bedfordiensi placide obdormivit in Domino, per quem expectat felicem & beatam Resurrectionem.

Memoria Justi cum laudibus. (a)

And against the east end of the north isle of Connington-church, is a monument of white marble for Sir John's second lady, thus inscrib'd :

Sacred to the Memory
of Dame Elizabeth Cotton, Daughter
of Sir Thomas Honywood, of Mark's-Hall,
in Essex, Knt. and second Wife of Sir John Cotton,
Lord of this Mannor of Connington, Bart.
By whom he had issue, ten Children,
of whom, only three, Robert, Elizabeth, the
Relict of Lionel Walden, Esq; and Mary-
Honywood, survive. She was a Lady of
true and solid Piety, of an excellent Under-
standing and Sharpness of Wit, a most
loving and tender Wife, an indulgent and

careful

(a) I find here, at Connington, another short inscription on Sir John, ordered by himself, (and the above larger one, I suppose, done afterwards by his successor,) which is as follows;

Hic jacet reconditum Corpus D. Johannis Cottoni, Baronetti, hujus Manerii de Connington, Domini, qui sententiam hanc, quasi Archangeli Ore, in extremo mundi perituri die, proferendam, quam ille auribus suis insonuisse sentiebat, saxo sepulchrali incidi voluit; surgite mortui & venite ad Judicium.

I should have imagined this to belong to John, his son, if he had not died without the title, which this John, has here given him.

careful Mother, obliging in her deport-
ment towards her Neighbours and Friends,
and bountiful towards the Poor: after
she had lived thirty-eight Years in
holy Wedlock, she resign'd up her pious
Soul to God, with all Calmness and Tran-
quility of Mind, on the 3d of April,
M.DCC.II. at Cotton-house, in Westminster,
in the lxx. Year of her Age, and lyes
here interr'd, expecting a joyfull and
happy Resurrection.

John Cotton, Esq; only son of the said Sir John, (by his first lady,) married Frances, daughter of Sir George Downing, of East-Hatley, in Cambridgeshire, Bart. and dying in the life-time of his father, anno 1681, at the age of thirty-one years, left two sons, and one daughter; Sir John, successor to his grandfather, and Thomas, who married Frances, only daughter and heir to William Langton, of Peterborough, in Northamptonshire, Esq; (of the family of Langton, of Langton, in Lincolnshire,) and left issue, one daughter, Mary, who is as yet unmarried. Frances, the only daughter of the said John, was married to William Hanbury, of Little-Marcle, in Herefordshire, Esq; and had several children.

Which Sir John Cotton, of Connington, Bart. who succeeded his grandfather, serv'd in parliament the fourth of Queen Anne, for the town of Huntingdon, and anno 1711, as one of the knights of the shire for the county of Huntingdon; and having took to wife, Elizabeth, daughter to James Herbert, of Kingsfey, in com. Oxon. Esq; (a younger son of Philip, earl of Pembroke, and Montgomery,) and lady Catherine, his wife (a), daughter of Thomas, duke of Leeds, had issue only one daughter, Catherine, who died an infant; this lady lies interr'd at the east end of Connington church-yard, with this inscription on a marble tomb:

Here lyes interr'd the Body of Elizabeth, late Wife of
Sir John Cotton, Bart. Daughter of James Herbert, of
Kingsfey, in the County of Oxford, Esq; and Grand-
daughter of Thomas, late Duke of Leeds, who departed
this Life the 11th Day of February, 1721-2, aged
42 Years.

Who

(a) Collins's Peerage of England, vol. I. p. 98.

COTTON, of Connington:

Who was a Woman of strict Virtue, and always delighted in private Charities.

She had one Daughter, Catherine, who died an Infant, and lyes interred with her.

Sir John, died in North-street, near Red-Lion Square, London, February the 5th, 1730-31, and was interr'd in the new burial-ground, in Lamb's-Conduit-Fields, belonging to St. George, the Martyr; where, near the east corner, on a black marble monument, raised breast high, is the following inscription:

Here lies the Body of

Sir John Cotton.

Of Connington, Bart. who died the 5th of
February, 1730, in the 52d Year of
His Age.

He was grandson to Sir John Cotton, who gave to the Use of the Publick, for ever, that Library of Manuscripts which was began to be collected by Sir Robert Cotton, and had been so continued for 100 Years, at an eminent Expence to his Family. This is put here by his nearest Kinsman and heir, where, by his Will, he modestly directed

His Body to be laid.

A further Remembrance of him being design'd to be placed amongst his Ancestors, at Connington.

Sir John, dying without issue, the dignity, and part of the estate, went to his uncle, Sir Robert Cotton, of Gedding, in the county of Huntingdon, Bart. only surviving son of Sir John Cotton, of Connington, Bart. by his second lady, Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Thomas Honywood, of Marks-hall, in Essex, Knt.

Which Sir Robert Cotton, the present baronet, married first, Elizabeth, daughter of — Wigfton, Esq; by whom he hath one son, John Cotton, Esq; (heir to his cousin, Sir John Cotton, Bart. before mentioned,) who married Jane, daughter of Sir Robert Burdett, of Bramcote, in Warwickshire, Bart. by whom he had issue, one son, John, a very fine accomplish'd young gentleman, of great expectations, who died at Durham, of the small-pox, Nov. 15, 1739, and four daughters, Jane, married Oct. 1741, to Thomas Hart, of Warfield, in Berks, Esq; Elizabeth, Frances, and Mary, who are all now living, and unmarried; besides Robert, Mary, and
Hester,

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Hester, who all died young. Sir Robert married to his second lady, Mrs. Morton, by whom he hath no issue.

ARMS: Azure, an Eagle display'd, Argent, which were the Arms of Ridware. The arms of Cotton, were, Argent, a bend Sable, between three Pellets.

CREST: Out of a Crown proper, a Demi-Eagle display'd, Argent, beak'd, and membred Gules.

SEATS: Connington, and Steeple-Gedding, in Huntingdonshire, and Stratton, near Biggleswade, in Bedfordshire.

*Note that Sir Robert Cotton last mentioned
died some time before Oct. 1549
was succeeded by his son Sir John Cotton
but on his death in 1551*

13. MOLINEUX, of Teverfal, Nottinghamshire.

(JOHN, ESQUIRE)

Created BARONET, June 29, 1611.

WHEN William the conqueror enter'd this kingdom, 1066, he was attended by many noble Normans, among whom was William des Molines (a), no less famous for his virtue, than for his noble extraction, as appears from the roll of Battle-Abby, in which list his name standeth, the eighteenth in order; and in the most ancient written chronicles of the dutchy of Normandy remaining of record (b), it is to be seen, that this William des Molines, is set down and placed as a most especial and chief man in nearness and singular credit with William, the conqueror, at that time when he invaded and conquered England.

To this William des Moulines or Molins, Roger de Poytiers, who was then possessed of all that tract of land in Lancashire, between the rivers of Ribble and Mercy, by the gift of William the conqueror; gave (c), among other lands, by the consent of the conqueror, the manors of Sephton, Thorneton, Kerdon or Kuerdon, ten carucates and an half of land, at the service of half a knight's fee, whereof he made Sephton his chief seat, wherein he was succeeded by Vivian, his son and heir.

Other accounts differ from this, and say (d), that William, and Vivian de Moulines, his brother, were in the first expedition of the army sent by William the conqueror, under the conduct of Roger de Poytiers (e), and that the said Roger, gave the lordship

(a) Ex Stemmate hujus fam. per Sir G. Dethick. (b) Loose papers in the hand writing of Greg. King Lancaster herald, in Le Neve's MSS. of the Baronets, vol. I. p. 3. Penes T. W. (c) Collins's Baronetage, vol. I. p. 14. (d) Greg. King, ibid. (e) Called by the conqueror, his familiar in arms, and stiled Roger de Poytiers, because he married a wife that was a Potaine, or of the province of Poytiers, he was son of Roger, count Mountgomerie, Arundel, and Shrewsberie, and of his wife Mabel, sister and only heir of Arnald, count of Bellefmayne, in Normandy, G. King, ibid.

ship of Sephton, Thorneton, and Kerdon, to Vivian de Molines, and to his posterity, shortly after the entrance of the Normans (*a*), which is also agreeable to other authorities (*b*). Mr. Camden, in his *Britannia*, speaking of Lirpole, (Liverpool) observes, 'The name is not to be met with in old writings; but only that Roger de Poictiers, who was lord of the honour of Lancaster, (according to the language of those days) built a castle there; the government whereof was enjoy'd for a long time by the noble family of the Molineaux, knights, (and now lords Molineaux) whose chief seat is hard by, at Seston, which the said Roger de Poictiers bestow'd upon Vivian de Molineaux, a little after the coming in of the Normans; for all the land between the Ribell and the Mersey, belong'd to the said Roger, as appears by 'Doomsday (*c*).' The said Vivian de Molines, (or Molans) by his wife Siwarda, had issue, Adam, dominus de Seston, in com. Lanc. who held half a knight's fee at Seston, and gave in pure and free alms to the church of the blessed Mary, at Cockerfand, and certain acres of land in Melling and Conscough, under his seal of the Cross Moline, circumscrib'd, *S. Adami de Molineus*, and prov'd by the abby-book (*d*). This Adam held half a knight's fee in Sephton, Thorneton, and Kerdon, for the ward of the castle of Lancaster; and having took to wife Annota, sole daughter and heir of Benedict de Garnett (*e*), lord of Speke, in com. Lanc. had issue three sons; 1. Robert; 2. Gilbert, who held by gift of his brother Robert, one plowland, in Thorneton, by knight's service, as much as thereunto appertain'd. 3. Henry, who held lands of his brother; and a daughter, Siwarda, who became the wife of — Fitzannot.

Robert, the eldest son, married Beatrice, daughter and heir of Robert de Villers (*f*), lord of Little-Crosby, son of Alan, son of Pagan de Villers, who enter'd England with William the conqueror, and was first lord of Crosby after the conquest. To this Robert, Stephen, earl of Bologn, who afterwards succeeded to the crown of England, made the grant following (*g*); *Stephanus Comes Bologniæ & Montaigniæ Vic. & omnibus Baronibus suis: Sal. Sciatis quod concedo Rob. de Molineis terram suam in Liderlandt pro 14 Sol. per an. & ei & hæredibus suis; T. Rob. Dap. & Rob. de Villers, &c.* He gave two plowlands, in Kerdon, with his sister Siwarda, that his brother Henry, held by knight's service; and

(*a*) Doomsday-book, p. 14. (*b*) Thoroton, in his antiquities of Nottinghamshire, p. 269, makes Vivian, brother of William, the ancestor of this family, and for the descent quotes, *Genealogia ista de Mulans collecta fuit per Sam. Roper, Ar. & remanet pen. Ric. Dom. Byron.* (*c*) Camden's *Britannia*, vol. II. p. 969. (*d*) Adamus ille dictus Mulans dedit in puram perpetuam elemosinam beatæ Mariæ de Cockerfand quoddam acras terræ apud Meling & Conscough v^t. patet in libro antigno abbatiæ prædictæ, Greg. King, *ibid.* (*e*) This Annota, daughter of Benedict de Garnett, is prov'd by ancient knight's fees of Lancaster. Le Neve's MSS. vol. I. p. 3. (*f*) The match with de Villers, prov'd by an ancient book of the escheator of Lancaster, *ibid.* (*g*) Lib. Seacc.

and out of them, he gave three acres to our lady of Cockerland, in free alms (a).

He was succeeded by his son Richard, who paid 20s. for relief of half a knight's fee, in Sephton, Thorneton, and Kerdon, which Adam de Molines formerly held (b); and gave one plowland to Richard de Thorneton, for the yearly rent of a pound of pepper; and to Raymond de Lytherlandt, two oxgangs, in Lytherlandt, to hold by knight's service; and to Simon, his only brother, lands called Haftencroft, on the way between Sephton and Thorneton, to hold by homage and due service, as appears by the grant, wrote in a strange old form and character.

Sciant omnes qui sunt, & qui futuri sunt quod ego Ricardus de Moulans dedi & hac presenti charta mea confirmavi Simoni fratri meo pro homagio suo & servicio Hasencroste scilicet totam terram que se extendit in longitudine de sicco de Yccesfelt usque propinquorem sicum prædicto Hasencroste apud viam inter Seston & Thornton. His testibus Ric. pa. de Seston præobend. pa. de Walton filo fil. & Viviano Mulans Simone de Thornton qui istam chartam scripsit & multis aliis (c). The seal appendant, a Cross Flory, and the inscription round it, *Sigillum Ricardi de Mulynaus*. Having married Edith, daughter of Aumary Pincerna, (i. e. Butler) of Warrington, he had issue, Adam, and Robert, who held three oxgangs in Thorneton, by knight's service, of his father; of which Robert, proceeded Richard, father to another Robert, of Thorneton, progenitor to those of Mellingwood.

Adam, the eldest son of Robert, succeeded at Sephton, being stil'd dominus Adam de Molineus, and was a witness to the grant of the fourth part of the ville of Maghull, by Simon de Halsal (d), sans date, in these words;

Fuit Adamus per nomen domini Adami de Molyneux testes donationis quartæ partis villæ de Maghull, dat per Simonem de Halsall, per script. sans dat. (e) He held the fourth part, and the twentieth part of a knight's fee, in Little-Crosby (f), by descent, and was in commission for the perambulation of forests, 12 Hen. III. as appears by an extract taken out of the records in the Tower (g). (b) his wife was Letice de Brinley, and their issue, William, and Roger.

This Adam is supposed to be the knight who was portray'd (in the glass of three windows, in the upper part of Bridgnorth church, in com. Salop.) in antique mail, cloth'd with a surcoat, and girt with his sword and spurs; over which is an equilateral triangular shield, on which the arms of Molineux are depicted.

Roger,

(a) Prov'd p. lib. Scac. Le Neve, ibid.

(b) Inq. 12 and 13 Joh.

(c) G. King's

Papers, ibid.

(d) Charta Famil. penes.

(e) G. King's Papers.

(f) Prov'd

by book of Fees of Lanc. and Derby, fo. 1. Le Neve, ibid.

(g) G. King's Papers.

(b) Extract. Record. Lond.

Roger, the youngest son, bore for his arms (a), the Cross Argent, quarter-piec'd, and had issue, William, father to James, who having married Margaret, the daughter and heir of William de Aula, de Brentworth, left his estate to his two daughters, his coheirs; Julian, married to Richard de Windsor, lord of Stanwell, in Middlesex, from whom are descended the present earl of Plymouth, and lord Windsor; and Agnes, to Sir Robert Markham, Knt.

Sir William de Molineus of Sefton, Knt. eldest son of Adam, was reckon'd among those in com. Lanc. who had fifteen *Liberatas Terræ*, and over, held by knights service, and was call'd to receive the degree of knighthood, by Philip de Ulneby, sheriff of that county, 40 Hen. III. A. D. 1256. He gave to William, son of his brother Roger, lands in Netherton, near Sefton, to hold by knights service, and the yearly rent of an halfpenny, by a deed without date; and by Margaret, his wife, daughter of Sir Alan de Thornton, Knt. had three sons, Sir Richard, William, and Simon; to the two latter, their father gave lands in Letherland. And,

Sir Richard inherited, who gave to Thomas, his son, the Edge, (others call it the Hegg) within his demesne of Sefton, to hold at the rent of one penny yearly; and to Peter, another son, by charter without date, lands call'd Ireland, at six-pence yearly payment during life; and to Richard, son of Thomas de Wykeleshon, his heirs and assigns, *unam placeam* of his lands in Little-Crosby, at the annual rent of a penny; to which, as witnesses, subscrib'd Richard de Molineus, William de Aytre, Robert de Molineus, and many others. The seal, a *Lion rampant*, with the inscription of Sir Richard —

By Emme, his wife, daughter of — Done, he had three sons, 1. Sir William. 2. Thomas, who bore for arms, *Azure a Cheveron, between three crosses Molines, Or.* He released all his right of common of pasture in the marsh of Richard, of Hawkley, from whom are descended the Molineuxes of that place. 3. Peter: also a daughter, Joan, a nun at Leicester.

Sir William Molyneux, the eldest son, was dubbed knight banneret, in Gascoigny, by (b) Edmond, surnamed Crookeback, earl of Lancaster, second son to Henry III. anno 14 Edw. I. He lies buried, with the following inscription:

(c) Hic jacet Willus Molyneux, Baneretus, factus
in Gasconia cum illustri Principe Edmondo, dicto
Gibboso com. Lancastrie. M.CC.LXXXIX.

He married Isabel; daughter of Scarisbrick, and had issue a son, Richard, and a daughter, Jane, married to Robert de Erneys.
This

(a) Ex Stemmate.

(b) Greg. King, *ibid*,

(c) *Ibid*.

This Sir William, did grant his manor of de Speeke, in marriage with Joan, his daughter, to Robert de Erneys, with ward and relief of Sir Patterick de Hasswell, to hold of him for sixteenpence by the year (a). Sir Richard, his son, aged seventeen at the death of his father, and in the wardship and custody of John, duke of Lancaster (b), married Agatha, daughter and heir of Sir Roger Illerton, Knt. and had issue, 1. Sir William. 2. Richard, of Larbeck, Wynnersley, &c. whose son Richard, died S. P. 3. John, to whom his father gave lands in Netherton. 4. Thomas, of Kennerdal, who was slain in battle, temp. Ric. II. he married the daughter and heir of Alexander de Kennerdall, and left issue, a daughter and heir, married to Osbaldeston, of Osbaldeston. 5. Roger, of Raynhull, whose granddaughter and heir was married to Lancaster.

Sir William de Molineux, the eldest son and heir, had two wives; the first was Joan, the daughter and heir of Jordan Ellall, forester of Wyresdale, by Alice his wife, one of the daughters and coheirs of Thomas de Twenge. The second, was the lady Margaret, widow and relict of Sir Robert Holland, of Enkeston, Knt. (brother to Sir Thomas Holland, knight of the garter) and daughter and heir of Sir Alan Heyton, of Bushell, Knt. By the former he had several sons; 1. Sir William. 2. Sir Thomas, of Kuerdale, who added a *Flower-de-luce Argent* in the *dexter Canton* of his arms. This Sir Thomas Molyneux, was constable of Chester, a man of high valiauncy, and of great power, authority, and special credit in Cheshire and Lancashire, to whom the king expressly writ, and sent, commanding him to raise a power and force, safely to conduct Robert de Vere, duke of Ireland, his dear and most familiar friend, to his presence, and not to respect any charges, travel or pain whatsoever; who, humbly obeying his prince's commandment, and for the special love he bore to his native country, raised a power of 5000 men, and brought the said duke as far as Radcot-bridge, four miles distant from Chipping-Norton, where, being prevented of this intent and purpose, and beset on every side by the duke of Gloucester, and the earls of Derby, Warwick, and Nottingham, and others of their familiar association and society, was forced, for his better safety, to take the water, hoping, as the duke before him did, to have escaped the force of his enemies: howbeit, contrary to his expectation, it fell out, for there he was slain by Sir Thomas Mortymer; this happen'd in the eleventh year of Rich. II. 1388 (c). 3. Sir John Molineux, of Crosby, who bore his *cross Moline, crown'd, Or*; and left three daughters, his heirs; one married to Blundell,

(a) G. King, *ibid.*
Penes T. W.

(b) Inquisit. 37. Edw. III.

(c) Ex MSS. G. King,

Blundell, of Crosby; another, to Robert Erneys; and the other, to Charnock, of Aston. 4. Richard, parson of the church of Sef-ton, (who, to the field of his arms, added *semi de France*, for distinction;) also Robert, Peter, and Simon.

William, the eldest son of the last Sir William, was likewise a knight. He granted to Sir John Dalton, a yearly rent-charge of fiftymarks, to be received out of all his lands of Ellall, as appears by a deed now in the family, dated at Bisham, on Saturday, the vigil of the holy trinity, 43 Edward III.

He was a person of great courage and accomplishments, distinguished himself at the battle of Navarret, in Spain, under Edward, the black prince, and was there made a knight baneret, anno 1367. Under his command he serv'd in all those wars (a), as he did in those of France; and in his return homewards, died at Canterbury, A. D. 1372, and was there buried, with this epitaph:

(b) Miles honorificus Molyneus subjacet intus;
'Tertius Edvardus dilexit hunc ut Amicus.
Portia qui gessit, Gallos, Navarrosq; repressit,
Hinc cum recessit, morte feriente decessit.
Anno Milleno Trecento Septuageno,
Atque his junge duo; sic perit omnis Homo.

He left an heir to his estate, by Jane his wife, daughter and co-heir to Sir Robert Holland, Knt. (by Margaret, daughter of Sir Alan Heyton, Knt.) viz.

Sir Richard Molineux, Knt. who, 1 Henry IV. was found cousin and next heir of Thomas Chatterton (c), of Ellall, viz. son of Sir William Molineux, Knt. son of William, son of Joan, daughter of Alice, sister of Laderina, mother to Alan, father of Alan, father of William, who was father to (the aforesaid) Thomas Chatterton.

This Sir Richard, was high sheriff of the county of Lanc. for life; and, with Sir Robert de Urfewill, serv'd as knights of that shire in the parliament held at Westminster, 20 Richard II. and had for their expences, for thirty-four days attendance, 13l. 12s. (d) He took to wife Ellen, daughter of Sir Thomas Urfewick, Knt. who, it is probable, had been escaetor of that county: for an office was taken before him, upon the death of Thomas Molineux, of Cuerdale, (uncle to Sir Richard;) the import whereof was, that the reversion of the lands and tenements ought to descend to Sir William Molyneux, Kt. as son and heir of Richard Molyneux, of Sef-ton; and from that William, to Sir William Molyneux, Knt. and from him, to Richard Molyneux, then living, under

(a) Fuller's Worthies, p. 113.
oft Mort. 1 Hen. IV.

(b) Weaver's Fun. Mon. p. 234.
(d) Prynn's Regist. p. 438.

(c) Ob.

(a) Ing.
Neve's F.
win's Cat.

under age, and in custody of John, duke of Lancaster (a), king of Castile and Leon. The said Ellen, was afterwards married to Sir Thomas Savage, Knt. but by her first husband she had two daughters, Agnes, wife of Thomas Clifton, Esq; and Anne, married to Richard Nevil, of Leverfidge; and three sons, 1. Richard. 2. Adam, L. L. D. who was elected dean of Salisbury, Oct. 24, 1441 (b), and some time clerk of the council: he was consecrated bishop of Chichester, 1445, and presently after, had the keeping of the privy-seal committed to him, by Henry VI. He was murder'd at Portsmouth, June 9, 1449 (c), by mariners procured by Richard, duke of York (d); He gave to the high altar, certain rich clothes of crimson velvet. And 3. Robert, who was found heir to his brother Adam, by the *Inquisit. post mortem*. Which Robert, married Margaret, daughter of Sir Baldwin L'Estrange, Knt. and left only a daughter, his sole heir, and wife of Sir William Troutbeck, Knt. whose daughter and heir, Ellen, was married to Gilbert Talbot, of Grafton, Esq;

Sir Richard, son and heir of the last Sir Richard, eminently distinguished himself in the wars of France, at the battle of Agincourt, and received the honour of knighthood, in the reign of Henry V. He was in favour also with Henry VI. who, by letters patent, gave to him, his sons, and their heirs, the chief foresterhip of the royal forests and parks, in west Derbyshire; the Stewardship in Salfordshire; and the office of constable of Liverpool, as the following record testifies:

Henricus, Dei gratia Rex Angl. &c. Nos grata & laudabilia Obsequia quæ Ric. Molineux, Miles, & Ric. filius ejus, Arm. Nobis multipliciter impenderunt & indies impendere non desistunt considerantes, &c. Constituimus & ordinavimus ipsos Ricardum & Ricardum, tam Magistrum Forestar. Forestæ & Parcorum nostrum in Wapentag' de West Derbyshire, quam Servitium nostr' in eodem Wapentag' nostro, & Wapentag' nostro de Salfordshire, eodem Com. At etiam de Gratia nostra, &c. concess. ejisd. Rico. & Rico. Officium Constabulari nostr. de Liverpool, habend. & tenend. ejisd. & Hæred. Masculis, &c. Dat. apud Brandon, Ann. Regni viceff. quarto, 28^o Die Julii.

He was slain at Blore-heath, in Staffordshire, together with the lord Audley, and divers others of no mean account (e), 38 Henry VI. 1460.

He had two wives, viz. 1. Joan, daughter and heir of Sir Gilbert Haydock, Knt. relict of Sir Peter Leigh, of Lyme, in com. Cestr. Knt. and by her had several sons; 1. Richard, ancestor to the present lord viscount Molineux. 2. Thomas, of Haughton, in

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(a) Inquis. taken at Preston, in Amundernesse, 11 Ric. II. Ex MSS. G. King. (b) Le Neve's Fasti eccles. Ang. p. 263. (c) Rymer's Fœd. vol. XI. p. 107. (d) Goodwin's Cat. of Bishops, 4to. p. 472. (e) G. King, ibid.

Nottinghamshire, whose posterity we are now to treat of. 3. John, rector of Sefton. 4. Henry, 5. Gilbert, who married the lady of Cheney, in com. Bucks. 6. Edward. 7. Robert. 8. William. The daughters were, Catherine, wife of Sir Robert Ratcliff, Knt. and afterwards, of John Stanhope, Esq; Elizabeth, married to Sir Richard Southworth, Knt. and Joan, to Robert Preston, Esq;

By a second wife, Helen, daughter of — Radcliff, of the Tower, and relict of Sir William Harrington, he had two daughters, Anne, married to Richard Nevil, of Leverfedge; and Margaret, to Sir Peter Leigh, of Bradley, Knt. Sir Richard's first lady, Joan, lies buried, with the following inscription over her:

Hic jacet Domina Joanna Molyneux, Ux. Petri Legh, Militis, & postea Uxor Ric. Molyneux, Militis, quæ fuit Domina de Bradley, & similiter tertie partis Villarum de Warrington, Micklefoukie, & Burton-Wood, ac etiam Domina diversarum parcellarum Terrarum & Testamentorum infra Villa de Newton, Goulborne, Lawton, Bold & Walton in le dale, quæ obiit in Festo Scti Sulpini Episcopi, An. Dom. 1439. Cujus Animæ propitietur Deus quid plus. (a)

Sir Thomas Molineux, Knt. second son of Sir Richard Molineux, Knt. was possessed of Houghton, Hawton, or Houton, in com. Nott. He was one of the privy-council to King Edw. IV. and behaving himself valiantly in the expedition into Scotland, anno 1482, was made a knight banneret, by Richard, duke of Gloucester, at Berwick (b); and in the said year he built the church, and a fair house, at Hawton; and dying 6 Hen. VII. was buried in the north isle of the chancel of the said church, where an old cross-legged monument of a knight, is yet remaining, on which is the arms of a *cross Moline quarterpiere'd*, with this inscription:

Hic jacet Thomas Molineux, Bannerettus, factus in recuperatione Ville Barwick, in manibus Scotorum, An. Dom. 1482, per manus Ricardi, Ducis Gloucesteriæ, postea Regis Angliæ. (c)

He married two wives; first, Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Robert Markham, of Cotham. in com. Nott. Knt. who bore him a son, Robert, of whom hereafter, and a daughter, Elizabeth, first married to John Becard, and secondly to Stephen Hatfield, of Willoughby, Esq; (d) secondly, Catherine (e), daughter of John Cotton, of Ridware, in com. Staff. Esq; (f), (by his second wife, a daughter of Nicholas

(a) MSS. sub manu G. King, penes T. W. But it don't mention where buried, but probably at Sefton. (b) Nom. Equit. in E. b. Cotton. (c) G. King, *ibid.*

(d) Le Neve, vol. I. p. 36. and Thoroton's Nott. p. 129. (e) *Ibid.* p. 37. (f) Some MSS. say, this Sir Thomas, and his second wife, Catherine, were buried in Beavall-abbey, a house of religious charters.

cholas Fitzherbert, of Norbury, in com. Staff. Esq;) and relict (a) of Thomas Poutrell, of Hallam, in Derbyshire, Esq; by whom he had two sons, Sir Edmund, one of the justices of the common-pleas, 4 Edw. VI. and Anthony, D. D. rector of Sefton and Walton, in Lancashire, and Tring, in com. Hert. a man of great integrity, and rare sanctimony of life, also a bountiful housekeeper, and most liberal and beneficial to the poor; who moreover, left behind him, remaining and continuing at Sefton, many most worthy and memorable acts, for the perpetual continuance of his worthy name, fame and memory. He departed this life, *anno quinto Reginae Mariae* (b): and two daughters, Ellen, married to John Bond, of Coventry, remarried to Laurence Ireland, of Lidiat; and Margaret, to Sir Hugh Willoughby, of Risley, in com. Derb. Knt.

Sir Edmund Molineux, knight of the Bath (c), eldest son by the second venter, had the manor of Thorp, near Newark, and bought the lands which were (d) the knights hospitallers of St. John of Jerusalem, in that place, belonging to the preceptory of the eagle, in the county of Lincoln, formerly the knights templers; and being first called to the degree of a serjeant at law, was made one of the justices of the common-pleas, 4 Ed. VI. In 6 Ed. VI. he held the manor of Kneveton, in com. Nott. of the king, in capite, by the service of the fortieth part of a knight's fee. He was a man (e) of a very mild spirit, modest and courteous behaviour, affable, fine, neat, cleanly, gracious and acceptable to all sorts of men, well-beloved, and not meanly regarded and esteemed where he carried authority and had place of government; who, for his integrity, honest plainness and sincerity, coupled with an ancestor kind, of godly life and sanctimony; was a man for these respects, greatly to be admir'd, honour'd, and revered. He died the last year of Ed. VI. His lady was (f) Jane, daughter of John Cheyney, of Chesham-boys, in the county of Bucks, Esq; by whom he had several children: 1. John. 2. Thomas, who married Jane, daughter of Sir Richard Molineux, of Sephton, Knt. 3. Edmund. 4. Anthony; and 5. Christopher: also two daughters, Margaret, wife to Francis Fletcher, Esq; (whose son, Francis, married Frances, daughter of Francis Molineux, Esq;) and Dorothy, wife to Robert Purslow.

John Molineux, of Thorp, the eldest son, married Anne, daughter of George Lascells, of Gatford, in com. Nott. Esq; and had issue, Edmund Molineux, of Thorp, Esq; and Rutland Molineux, of Woodcotes, Esq; who married Mary, daughter of Cuthbert Bevercotes (g), of Bevercotes, in com. Nott. Esq; This

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Rutland,

(a) Thoroton's Nott. p. 13. (b) G. King, MSS. (c) Le Neve, vol. I. p. 36.
 (d) Thoroton's Nott. p. 179. (e) Papers, sub manu G. King, penes T. W.
 (f) Ibid. (g) Thoroton's Nott. p. 442.

Rutland, fold Bevercotes, and other lands (a), to the earl of Clare. Edmond married, first, ———, the daughter of John Hearle, Esq; and had a daughter, Anne, who, 'tis presum'd, died unmarried: his second wife, was Bridget, daughter and coheir of Robert Sapcotes, Esq; by whom he had (b) Sir John Molineux, of Thorp, Knt. Edmond, and Richard.

Robert, only son of Sir Thomas, by his first wife, succeeded to the inheritance at Hawton: he had, by Dorothy his wife, daughter of Thomas Poutrell, of West-Hallam, in com. Derb. Esq; several sons: Thomas, who died without issue; Richard, William, (who left a daughter and heir, Dorothy, married first to George Cartwright, of Ossington, in com. Nott. Esq; (c) and secondly, to William Dabridgecourt.) Robert, and Edmond; and four daughters: Anna, married to Veale; Elizabeth, Catherine, and Mary. In the chancel of Hawton church, in com. Nott. on a piece of brass, upon a plain stone, was this inscription for the said Robert, the father, and Dorothy, his wife.

Of your Charity, pray for the Soules of Robert Molineux, Esq; and Dorothy, his Wife, which Robert deceased 13 April, 1539.

In the same church, lies his brother William, and Margaret his wife; which William, died the last day of October, 1541 (d).

Richard, the eldest surviving son, 22 Hen. VIII. had lands in Hawton, &c. settled on him, in consideration of a marriage between him the said Richard, and Margaret, daughter of Edmond Bussy, of Hather, in com. Linc. Esq; which marriage took effect, and he had issue by her, a son and a daughter, Francis, and Mary, married to Daniel Disney.

Which Francis, married Elizabeth, eldest daughter and coheir of Thomas Greenhalgh, son of Roger Greenhalgh, of Teverfal, in com. Nott. Esq; by whom he came possessed of the manor of Teverfal. He was high sheriff of the county of Nottingham, 24 Eliz. and had issue five sons, Thomas, Gervase, John, Robert, and Richard, and two daughters; Jane, married to (e) Francis Linley, of Skegby, in com. Nott. Esq; and Frances, to Francis Fletcher, of Stockbald, Esq;

Thomas, the eldest son, succeeded to the manors of Hawton and Teverfal; and by his wife, Alice, daughter and coheir of Thomas Cranmer, of (f) Aslacton, in com. Nott. Esq; (great nephew to the famous archbishop Cranmer) had issue two sons, John, and Thomas; and a daughter, married to (g) Sir Anthony Thorold, of Marston, in Lincolnshire, Knt. the said Alice, had for her

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(a) Thoroton's Nott. p. 442.

Thoroton's Nott. p. 351.

(f) Ibid. p. 138, 342.

and Thorold's account, postea.

(b) Ibid. p. 269.

(d) Thoroton's Nott. p. 182.

(g) Le Neve's MSS. of the Baronets, vol. II. p. 198.

(c) Le Neve, vol. I. p. 36.

(e) Ibid. p. 268.

second husband, Sir John Thorold, of Cawnton, in com. Nott. Knt. (a) This Thomas, dying anno 1597, was succeeded in the estate by John, his eldest son.

Which John, had a grant from Queen Elizabeth of the lordships or manors of (b) Carleton, Kingston, and Carleton-baron, and all singular messuages, lands, &c. in Carleton in Lindrick, Worsop, Ellesley, Normanton, little Morton, Wallingwells, Austr. Reyton, and Reyton-Grange, in com. Ebor. & Nott. which were late the possessions of Thomas, lord Dacre, which his descendants afterward sold to Sir Gervase Clifton, Bart. (c) he was sheriff of Nottinghamshire (d), 7 and 9 Jac. I. and was knighted by King James I. at Whitehall, Nov. 10, 1608, and the next year was advanced to the degree of a baronet. He liv'd in great splendor, beyond the income of his estate, (tho' large) which forc'd him to sell part of it. He mortgag'd his manor of Hawton to Sir John Leek, which afterwards became the inheritance of the earl of Scarfdale. He married two wives, first, Isabel, daughter of John Markham, of Sedgbrook, in com. Linc. Esq; by whom he had Sir Francis, his successor, and Thomas, who died without issue: Mary, married to Michael Fawkes, of Farneley; Elizabeth, to Gilbert Gregory, of Barnbidin; both in com. Ebor. Esqrs. Anne, and Elizabeth. Secondly, Anne, daughter of Sir James Harrington, of Ridlington, in com. Rutl. Knt. widow of Sir Thomas Foljamb, Knt. by whom he had a son, colonel Roger Molineux, who married Jane (e), the eldest daughter and coheir of Sir Robert Monfon, of Carleton, in com. Linc. Knt.

Sir Francis Molineux, Bart. son and heir of Sir John, made Teverfal his principal residence for some years, till he settled it on John, his eldest son, having made Kneveton a fit habitation, where he died, 12 Octob. 1674, aged seventy-two years. He married Theodosia, daughter of Sir Edward Heron, of Cressly, in Lincolnshire, knight of the Bath, by whom he had issue, Sir John, his successor, and Francis, of Mansfield, in com. Nott. who married Grace, daughter of Conyers, lord Darcy, of Hornby-castle, Yorkshire, (relict of George Best, of Middleton, in com. Ebor. Esq; and afterwards, of Moses Janes, Esq;) by whom he had issue, two sons; Darcy Molineux, Esq; the eldest, took to wife Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. Basslet, of Doncaster, in com. Ebor. (and left issue two sons, William, and John.) Francis, second son, married Mary, daughter of Charles Tanckred, of Whixsley, in com. Ebor. Esq; (and had four daughters, of whom, Dorothy married Lucius Henry, lord viscount Falkland.) The daughters of Sir Francis, were, Elizabeth, wife of Hugh Cartwright, of Hexgrave, in com. Nott. Esq; Theodosia, married to Edward Bunney, of Newland, in com. Ebor. Esq; Anne, and Isabel.

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(a) Thoroton's Nott. p. 140.
Worthies in Nott.

(b) Ibid. p. 466.

(c) Ibid.

(d) Fuller's

(e) Collins's Peerage, vol. IV. p. 500.

Sir John Molineux, Bart. successor to his father, was born in 1623; and taking to wife, Lucy, daughter of Alexander Rigby, of Middleton, in Lancashire, Esq; one of the barons of the exchequer, and widow of Robert Hesketh, of Rufford, in the said county, Esq; had issue three sons, Sir Francis; John, who died unmarried, and Thomas, formerly a Turkey merchant, but afterwards, of Preston, in Lancashire, who married Mary, daughter of Gilbert Mundy, of Allestree, in com. Derb. Esq; and dying May 25, 1727, left issue one son, Rigby Molineux, Esq; who married a daughter of Oliver Martin, of Lancaster, Esq; and one daughter, Mary, married first to John Bushell, M. D. and secondly, to captain Griffiths. Sir John, had likewise several daughters, of whom, Mary, married the honourable Rich Leek, Esq; father of the late earl of Scarfdale; and Elizabeth, Edmond Jodrell, of Erdley, in com. Cestr. Esq;

Sir Francis Molineux, of Teverfal, the present baronet, succeeded his father, anno 1691; he serv'd in parliament as one of the knights of the shire for the county of Nottingham, in the reign of Q. Anne; and having married Diana, daughter of John How, of Langar-castle, in com. Nott. Esq; and sister to the late Scroop, lord viscount How, had issue seven sons: 1. John. 3. Scroop. 4. Charles; and 6. William, all deceas'd. Francis, second son, was one of the verdurers of Sherwood forest; he married Mary, daughter and coheir of — Brewer, near Bristol, Esq; and died at Winchester, October, 1733 (a), leaving only two daughters, Diana, and Mary.

Charles, the fifth, but eldest surviving son, is as yet unmarried. William, the youngest son, is one of the verdurers of Sherwood forest; he married the only daughter and heir of William Chaland, of Welhaw, in Nottinghamshire, Esq; (b) and has issue, one son, and two daughters, Francis, Anne, and Juliana: the three daughters of Sir Francis, were, Annabella, who married John Plumptree, Esq; member in the present parliament for the town of Nottingham, and treasurer of the ordnance, (father of John Plumptree, Esq; one of the commissioners of the stamp-office, and others) Lucy, married to Charles Croke Lisle, of Moyle's-Court, in com. South. Esq; and Diana.

ARMS: Azure, a cross Moline, quarterpeirc'd, Or.

CREST: Out of a Cap of Dignity, a Peacock's Tail, in her Pride, proper. Tho' this family, for their valiant services done in Scotland, had granted them for a Crest, a dexter Hand, issuant out of Flames of Fire, holding an Eagle's Leg erased, all proper.

SEAT: At Teverfal, in Nottinghamshire.

14. SAVILE,

(a) Ex Infor. Dom. Fra. Molyneux, Bar.

(b) Ibid.

14. SAVILE, of Thornhill, Yorkshire.

(Sir GEORGE, KNIGHT,)

Created BARONET, June 29, 1611.

THIS family is certainly of very great antiquity, and some have imagined them to be descended from the family of Savelli, in Italy, accounted one of the ancientest in the world, (Dr. Littleton, in his dictionary, on the usage of changing the letter b into y, instances, as from the Sabelli, of Rome, the Saviles in England) whereof some were consuls before (a), and after our Saviour; and Mr. Richardson, in his preface to Sir John Savile's reports of law-cases, temp. Eliz. mentions, the duke de Savilli to own, as his near relation, John, second son of that Sir John, when he made him a visit in Italy.

That the name and family were very numerous in Yorkshire, and came last from the province of Anjou, in France, (on the frontiers whereof were two towns of this name) into England (b), several pedigrees testify.

1. The first we find mentioned, is Sir John Savile, of Savile-hall, in Yorkshire (c), who married the daughter of Sir Simon de Rockley, and had issue,

2. John, who married the daughter of Sir Roger Aldwark.

3. Henry, his son, married the daughter and heir of John Golar, Esq;

4. Thomas, his son, married the daughter and heir of Sir Richard Tankersley, Knt. by whom he had, first, Sir John Savile, Knt. hereafter mention'd; secondly, Henry Savile, Esq; (d), who married, about the year 1300 (e), Ellen, daughter and heir of Thomas Copley, of Copley, in com. Ebor. Esq; whereby he became possessed of that estate, and was ancestor to the Saviles, of Copley, of whom, in a lineal descent, was John Savile, Esq; created baronet, July 24, 1662, who, by Mary, daughter of Clement Paston, of Barningham, in Norfolk, Esq; left one daughter, his sole heir, viz. Elizabeth-Mary, married to the lord Thomas Howard, father of the present duke of Norfolk. And from a younger son of the said Henry, descended Henry Savile, of Bradley, Esq; who, by Elizabeth, daughter of Robert Ramden, Gent. was father of three sons; 1. Sir John Savile, baron of the exchequer. 2. Sir Henry Savile. 3. Thomas. Sir John Savile, the eldest son, born at Bradley-hall, in Stainland, in the parish of Halifax, 1545, became a com-

(a) Wood's Athenæ Ox. vol. I. p. 335.

(b) Ex infor. Dom. Geo. Savile, Bar.

(c) Ibid.

(d) Ibid.

(e) Wright's Hist. of Halifax, p. 151.

commoner of Brasen-nose college, in 1561 (*a*), or thereabouts, where, laying a considerable foundation of academical learning, was taken thence before he could attain to a degree in the university, and sent to the Middle-Temple, where, making great proficiency in the law, was called to the bar, fell into considerable practice, became autumn-reader of that house, 28 Eliz. 1586, made steward of the lordship of Wakefield, and called to the degree and honour of the coif, in 1594; made one of the barons of the exchequer, 1598; and about that time, one of the justices of assize. When King James I. came to the crown, he not only continu'd him in his place of baron, but also conferr'd on him, just before his coronation, the honour of knighthood, 23 July, 1603, being then one of the judges that was to attend that solemnity. He was reputed to be very learned in the laws of the land, and was a great friend to Mr. Camden (*b*), when he went into Yorkshire to make his observations, and gather proper materials for the composing of his *Britannia*: he died at London, Feb. 2, 1606, aged sixty-one. His body was buried at St. Dunstan's, in the west, in Fleet-street, and his heart carried to Methley, in Yorkshire, where it was buried, in an isle joining on the south side of the church, amongst his ancestors; soon after was a very stately monument erected over it, with the effigies thereon of the deceased, in his judge's robes (cut out from stone) lying thereon, bearing the following inscription (*c*):

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Viri clarissimi & Judicis integerrimi Johannis Savile Equitis aurati, Scaccarii Regii Baronum unius, ac ex speciali gratia Regis in proprio Comitatu suo Justiciarii Assiz. Filii & Hæredis Henrici Savile de Overbradley, in Stainland, juxta Ealand, in isto agro Eboracen. Armigeri, ex antiqua Savillorum profapia oriundi: Qui secundo die Februarii An. Dom. 1606, Ætatis 61. Londini (ubi corpus ejus in Ecclesia sancti Dunstani in Occidente inhumatur, cor vero hic inter Antecessores) placidissime in Domino obdormivit.

Vir fuit pietatis zelo, ingenii perspicacia, morum suavitate, rerum Principis & Patriæ agendarum dexteritate, variis & exquisitis animi dotibus undique conspicuus.

Ex Uxore prima Jana Filia Richardi Garth de Morden, in Com. Surr. Armigeri habuit Henricum Savile postea Militem & Baronnetum in hoc tumultu repositum, Elisabetham Uxorem Johannis Jackson Militis defunctam, & Janam Uxorem Henrici Gooderick Militis modo viventem: Ex Uxore secunda Elisabetha filia Thomæ Wentworth de Elmshall, in Com. Ebor. Armigeri habuit Johannem Savile superstitem præfati fratris sui Successorum & hæredem propinquum, & Helenam quæ in minori ætate obiit.

Patri pientissimo filius obsequentissimus superstes supradictus hoc amoris Memoraculo parentavit.

He married four wives: by his first wife, Jane, daughter of Richard.

(*a*) Wood's *Athenæ Ox.* vol. I. p. 334.

(*c*) *Ibid.* 143.

(*b*) Wright's *Antiq. of Hallifax*, p. 141.

Richard Garth, of Morden, in Surry, Esq; he had one son, Sir Henry Savile, of Methley, in com. Ebor. knighted at the coronation of King James I. and by the same king created a baronet; but his issue male failing, that title became extinct. Sir John, by this lady, had also two daughters; Elizabeth, married to Sir John Jackson, of Hickleton, in Yorkshire, Knt. and Jane, to Sir Henry Gooderick, of Ribstan, in the same county, Bart. Sir John married, secondly, Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Wentworth, of Elmthall, in Yorkshire, Esq; relict of Richard Tempest, of Bowling, Esq; by whom he had one son, John, (heir to Sir Henry, his half brother) ancestor to the Saviles, of Methley, (which ended in a daughter and heir, married to the honourable John Finch, Esq; brother to the earl of Aylesford, who died Jan. 1739-40.) His third wife was Dorothy, daughter of the lord Wentworth, of the South, relict of Sir William Wilmerspool, and Sir Martin Forbisher, Knts. and his fourth, Margery, daughter of Ambrose Peate, citizen of London, and relict of Sir Jerom Weston, Knt. by the two last he had no issue.

The second son of Henry Savile, of Bradley, Esq; aforesaid, was the learned Sir Henry Savile: he was born at Bradley-hall, Nov. 30, 1549; he became batchelor of arts, 1565 (a), and about that time was elected fellow of Merton-college, Oxford, in 1570, he took his degree of master of arts; and growing famous for his skill in the Greek language, and mathematicks, he was elected professor of the university, for two years, 1575, 1576. In 1578, he travelled into France, and other countries, and improving himself in learning, languages, and the knowledge of men, returned a most accomplish'd person: about that time he became tutor to Queen Elizabeth in the Greek tongue, who had a great esteem for him; in 1585, he was made warden of Merton-college, and in 1596, provost of Eaton-college, which he improved with riches and literature: he was afterwards (b) employed by Queen Elizabeth, as her resident in the Low-countries. When King James I. came to the crown, he had a great respect for him and his learning, and would have advanced him to higher dignities either in church or state, but he refused them, and only accepted of the honour of knighthood from his majesty, at Windsor, Sept. 21, 1604. He married Margaret, daughter of George Dacres, of Cheshunt, in Hertfordshire, Esq; and had one son, Henry, and a daughter, Elizabeth, married to Sir John Sedley, of Aylesford, in Kent. Bart. About the year 1604, his son Henry dying, he bestow'd great part of his estate in publishing books, particularly, St. Chrysostom's works, in Greek, a noble edition of which he printed at Eaton-college, 1613, in 8 vol. folio, to which he added his own learned notes, in which he was assisted by several learned men: the

(a) Wood's Athenæ Oxon. vol. I p. 466. (b) Ex Infer. Dom. Geo. Savile, Bar.

the expence of this edition, including what he paid to some learned men whom he employed abroad to obtain the best copies of St. Chrisostom, cost him above 8000*l*. In 1619, he founded two lectures, one in Geometry, and the other in astronomy, in the university of Oxford, with a liberal salary to the professors, named, in memory of him, SAVILIAN PROFESSORS: he was admir'd by all the learned men of that age, who give him the highest character (a). He had so great a value for Mr. Camden, that he would fain have prevailed upon him to spend his latter days in Eaton-college; I am sure (says he) you might make me a happy man in my old age (b), without any discontent, I hope, to your self: I dare say, we would all do our best, that you should not repent of your living here. This worthy knight and magazine of learning, died at Eaton-college, Feb. 19, 162 $\frac{1}{2}$, and was interr'd in the chapel there, near to the body of his son Henry, who died in 1604, aged eight years, under a black marble stone; with this inscription:

Hic jacent Ossa & Cineres Henrici Savill, sub Spectata Resurrectionis, natus apud Bradley, juxta Hallifax, in Comitatu Ebor. Anno Domini, 1549, ultimo die Mensis Novembris obiit in Collegio Eatonensi, Anno Domini, 1621, XIX die Mensis Februarii. (c)

tho' that did not prevent a sumptuous honorary monument to his memory, being erected on the south wall, at the upper end of the choir of Merton-college. Mr. Richardson, in his preface to baron Savile's reports, expresses himself thus: 'We have in view *nobile par fratrum*, Sir John, and Sir Henry Savile. I am afraid (for I must speak truth) that the memory of Sir Henry, will be disspread larger and farther than that of our author; and that the annotations upon Tacitus, the lectures upon Euclide, and the excellent edition of St. Chrisostome, will be worn by more hands than these reports. For indeed it is impossible to build an universal fame upon an eminency in the knowledge of particular municipal laws. Sir Henry, is known in the world, Sir John, but in England. And, that his memory may be made lasting amongst us, these reports of his are made publick. He imitated that excellent person, his brother, Sir Henry Savile, in publick charities, there being scarce a manor of his in York-shire, in which he hath not left them behind him.'

Thomas Savile, the third and youngest son, and younger brother to the beforementioned two great men, was born at Over-Bradley, near Hallifax; admitted probationer-fellow of Merton-college, 1580 (d), and having taken the degree of master of arts, travell'd.

(a) General Dict. vol. IX. p. 82.

(b) Wright's antiq. of Hallifax, p. 149.

(c) Fuller's worthies in Yorkshire, p. 210.
p. 258.

(d) Wood's Athenæ Ox. vol. I.

travell'd abroad into several countries, whereby he greatly improved himself in several parts of learning; and upon his return, he became, by his brother's endeavours, fellow of Eaton-college, where he was noted for his great learning: he died, during the proctorship of the university of Oxford, at London, Jan. 12, 1593, and was interr'd in the choir of Merton-college chapel. He was an intimate friend likewise, of the great Camden, among whose letters, publish'd at London, 1691, by Dr. Thomas Smith, are fifteen of Mr. Savile's (*a*), to Camden.

But to return to the elder branch.

5. Sir John Savile, Knt. (son and heir of Thomas, beforementioned) who married the daughter and heir of — Rochdale, Esq; and had issue,

6. John, who, by the daughter of Sir Robert Latham, Knt. had issue,

7. Sir John, who took to wife Jane, daughter of Matthew de Bosco, alias Wood, and had issue,

8. John, who married Margery, daughter and coheir of Henry Rishworth (*b*), whose son,

9. Sir John Savile, Knt. was high sheriff of Yorkshire, 3 and 11 Rich. II. (*c*) and was twice chosen knight of the shire for the said county, in the seventh and eighth of the same king. He married Isabel, daughter and heir to Thomas Eland, of Eland, in com. Ebor. Esq; by whom he came possessed of that estate, which for some time, was the principal residence of his descendants, (and afterwards became the title of the marquis of Hallifax's eldest son:) by whom he had two sons, Sir John, and Henry, of whom hereafter. Sir John, his eldest son, married Isabel, daughter of Robert Ratcliffe, Esq; and had one son Sir John, who married Isabel, daughter of Sir William Fitzwilliams, Knt. and died without issue, and his sister Isabel became his heir, who married Thomas Darcy, Esq; second son to the lord Darby; but the line was continued by his uncle Henry, second son of Sir John, by the daughter and heir of Thomas Eland, Esq;

10. Which Henry Savile, Esq; married Elizabeth, daughter and sole heir of Simon Thornhill, of Thornhill, Esq; son and heir of Sir Bryan Thornhill, Knt. a person of great note, temp. Ed. III. having serv'd in several parliaments as knight of the shire, and was descended from Jordan de Thornhill, who had great possessions in Ovenden, Skircoate, Rishworth, Norland, Barkisland, &c. as by evidence, fans date; to which Jordan, Hamlin Plantagenet, earl-warren, owner of the manor of Wakefield, confirm'd his

(*a*) General Dict. vol. IX. p. 83. (*b*) Some pedigrees make John, who married Rishworth, the sixth in descent; John, that married Latham, seven: and Sir John, that married de Bosco, the eighth. (*c*) Fuller's worthies in Yorkshire.

his inheritance in Sowerbyshire, about 1169 (*a*). By this match, the said Henry, became possessed of the manor of Thornhill, and other great estates, and Thornhill, became the Yorkshire seat of the family, tho' since demolished by the civil wars.

11. Sir Thomas, his son and heir, was one of the gentry of the county of York (*b*), returned by the commissioners, 12 Hen. VI. and was knight of the shire for York, 20 Hen. VI. He married Margaret, daughter of Sir Thomas Pilkington, Knt. and had issue,

12. Sir John Savile, lord of Thornhill, Eland, and Tankersley, who was twice high sheriff for the county of York (*c*), 33 of Henry VI. and 1 Ed. IV. and knight of the shire for the same county (*d*), 29 Hen. VI. He married Alice, daughter of Sir William Gascoigne, of Gawthorp, in com. Ebor. Knt. and had issue three sons; 1. Sir John, (whose grandson, Sir Henry Savile, was made knight of the Bath at the coronation of Anne of Bullen; which Sir Henry, married Elizabeth (*e*), daughter of Thomas Sothill, of Sothill, Esq; and had issue, one son, Edward, who married the daughter of Sir Richard Leigh, of St. Albans, Knt. and died without issue, 1562; and a daughter, Dorothy, wife to John Kay, of Woodsome, in com. Ebor. Esq; Sir Henry, by Margaret Barkston, had a natural son, Sir Robert Savile, who married Anne, daughter of Sir Robert Hufsey, of Honington, in com. Linc. Knt. relict of Matthew Thimelby, Esq; and was ancestor to the Saviles, earls of Suffex (*f*);) 2. William, who died without issue; and the third son was,

13. Thomas Savile, of Lupset, Esq; who married Margaret, daughter of Thomas Balforth, Esq; and had issue, John, Thomas, of Grantham, and George Savile, of Wakefield.

14. John, the eldest son, married Anne, daughter of William Wyatt, Esq; and had issue,

15 Henry, of Lupset, his only son, who married Joan, daughter and heir of William Vernon, of Barrowby, in Lincolnshire, Esq; relict of Sir Richard Bozom, Knt. (*g*) was high sheriff of Yorkshire, 9 Eliz. receiver-general for that county (*h*), and one of the honourable council established in the north; and had issue, three sons; 1. Sir George. 2. Francis, who married Catherine, daughter and coheir of William, lord Conyers. 3. Cordell Savile, who married Mary, daughter and heir of William Welbeck, of Sutton, in com. Nott. Esq; and a daughter, Bridget, married (*i*) to Henry Nevil, of Grove, in Nottinghamshire, Esq;

16. Sir George Savile, Knt. eldest son and heir, was created a baronet, 9 Jac. I. and high sheriff of Yorkshire, the eleventh of the said reign (*k*). He married two wives; first, Mary, daughter

(*a*) Ex Coll. Ra. Thoresby de Leeds.

(*b*) Fuller's Worthies in Yorkshire.

(*c*) Ibid.

(*d*) Ex Infor. Dom. Geo. Savile, Bar.

(*e*) Thoroton's Nott. p. 68.

(*f*) Extinct peerage, 8vo. vol. III. p. 381.

(*g*) Thoroton's Nott. p. 123.

(*h*) Ibid.

(*i*) Ibid. p. 178.

(*k*) Fuller's Worthies in Yorkshire.

ter of the right honourable George Talbot, the sixth earl of Shrewsbury, by which marriage, Rufford, in Nottinghamshire, (where King James I. and King Charles I. were often entertain'd,) and the estate belonging (a) to it, came into the family. Secondly, Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Edward Ayscough, of South-Kelsey, in com. Linc. Knt. widow of George Savile, of Wakefield, Esq; By his first lady, he had issue, one son, Sir George Savile, Knt. who died before his father, in 1618, and by his first wife, Sarah, daughter and coheir to John Rede, of Cotesbrook, in com. Northampton, Esq; had no issue; but by Anne, his second wife, daughter of Sir William Wentworth, of Wentworth-Woodhouse, in com. Ebor. Bart. he left issue two sons; Sir George Savile, Bart. who succeeded his grandfather in the title and estate, but died unmarried; and Sir William Savile, Bart. successor to his brother, hereafter mention'd. Sir George Savile, the first baronet, lies buried in Thornhill-church, under a curious monument, with a knight's statue, to the life, in marble, and this inscription in gold letters:

' Here lieth the Body of Sir George Savile, Knt.
' and Bart. of Thornhill, in the County of York,
' who had first to Wife the Lady Mary, Daughter
' of George, earl of Shrewsbury, by whom he had
' Issue, one son; and afterwards he took to Wife,
' Elizabeth, daughter to Sir Edward Ayscough, of
' South-Kelsey, in the County of Lincoln, Knt. by
' whom he had Issue, three Sons, and four Daugh-
' ters. He departed this Life the 12th Day of No-
' vember, 1622, in the 72d Year of his Age; to
' whose Memory, the said Dame Elizabeth Savile,
' by her last Will and Testament, appointed this
' Monument to be erected, who is likewise interr'd
' in the Chapel of Herbury.

Which Sir William Savile, Bart. beforementioned, successor to his brother, stood firm in his allegiance to King Charles I. advanced his interest all he could, and was a great sufferer for the royal cause; he fortified his house at Thornhill, and made it a garrison for the King, which being afterwards taken by the rebels, was demolished. He married Anne, daughter of Thomas, lord Coventry, lord keeper of the great seal; a lady remarkable for her zeal and attachment to the royal cause. She was a person of incomparable affection to his majesty (b), of singular prudence in designing great things for his service, and of great interest and power to render them effectual, by the adherence of many persons of honour, ability, and loyalty unto her, and particularly, by my lord Langdale's going along with her in all things,

(a) For this large estate, see Thoroton's Nott. p. 434.
Life, in English, p. 95.

(b) See Dr. Barwick's

things, for his majesty's service: this lady also held a close correspondence with Thomas Holder, Esq; auditor-general to the duke of York (*a*), for the same purpose, and during his confinement, with Dr. Barwick. To this good lady was owing the escape of Sir Marmaduke Langdale, who was condemned by the rebels to die; for she found out such proper hands, by presents to mollify the guards, and invented so feasible a way for his escape, that Sir Marmaduke, got out of prison with little difficulty to himself, and not much censure to his keepers, from the rebels their masters (*b*). This illustrious heroine, lady Savile, was always suspected by Cromwell's party, not only to be privy to these noble achievements, but to be the author (*c*) and director of them all, yet they could never come to a certain knowledge of this, tho' they laid their snares on all sides to entrap her, and made no doubt but she would at length be taken therein, and their ardent desire of destroying her be accomplished. This gallant lady, famous even for her warlike actions, beyond her sex, had a little before been besieged by the rebels, in Sheffield-castle, in com. Ebor. which they batter'd on all sides by great guns, tho' she was big with child; and had so little regard for her sex, that in that condition, they refused a midwife she had sent for, the liberty of going to her (*d*): yet this unheard-of barbarity was so far from moving her, that she resolv'd to perish, rather than surrender the castle; but the walls being every where full of cracks with age, and ready to fall, the soldiers of the garrison began to mutiny, not so much concerned for their own danger, as for the lamentable condition of this noble lady, so near the time of her falling in labour (*e*); for she was brought to bed the night after the castle was surrender'd. This lady, a little before the battle of Worcester (*f*), generously contributed one thousand pound to his majesty's subsistence; and by her means, colonel Venables, a person of note in Cromwell's army, was brought over to the king's interest (*g*). She had a great respect for those clergymen, as adorned their doctrines by the holyness of their lives; and was a great support to them. She lived to see the happy restauration, and died about a year and an half after it, of whom, Dr. Barwick (*h*) says; 'The lady Savile, that illustrious example of piety towards God, and love to her country, about this time resign'd her breath, easily yielding to a distemper, contracted from her weariness of an age so wicked, and so ungrateful to God, unshaken as she had stood against the secret conspiracies and open force of the most inveterate enemies of the crown. When she found her disease increase upon her, leaving the town, she went

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(*a*) Dr. Barwick's life, in English, p. 96.

(*d*) Ibid. 113.

p. 328.

(*e*) Ibid.

(*f*) Ibid. 128.

(*b*) Ibid. 111.

(*g*) Ibid. 162, 184.

(*c*) Ibid. 112.

(*h*) Ibid.

‘ to her house at Wimple, in Cambridshire (a), and sent for Dr. Barwick to her from London, desirous to make use of his pious ministrations in her last extremity.’

Sir William died, Jan. 24, 1643 (b); but by his aforesaid lady, had three sons, and three daughters; 1. William, who died young; 2. Sir George, his successor; 3. Henry Savile, Esq; a gentleman of shining parts, and much in favour with K. Charles II. to whom he was vice-chamberlain: he was representative in parliament for Newark, in Nottinghamshire, in the reign of King Charles II. and died without issue. The daughters were, Anne, married to the right honourable, Thomas, earl of Plymouth; Margaret, and —

Sir George Savile, Bart. successor to his father, was fam'd for several miscellaneous tracts, which he wrote with great judgment and spirit, (particularly, his *Advice to a Daughter*;) he was one of the greatest statesmen of his time, and contributed all he could to bring about the restoration of the royal family; which being effected, he was, in consideration of his father's loyalty to King Charles I. as also his own merit, created baron Savile, of Eland, and viscount Halifax, and afterwards, in 1682, advanced to the titles of earl and marquis of Halifax, and in the same year, constituted lord privy-seal. On King James's accession to the throne, he sent for him, and appointed him (c) president of the council; but he did not continue long in that post (d); for the king neglected and discouraged his former friends, tho' never so loyal and true to him, if they were any ways backward in serving him in his own way: he early told the marquis of Hallifax (e), ‘ that tho' he would not forget his past services, yet, since he would not consent to the repeal of the tests, he was resolved to have all of a piece, and so dismiss'd him.’ However, on the arrival of the prince of Orange in England, the king had so good an opinion of him, that he join'd him, with the (f) earl of Rochester, and the lord Godolphin, and sent them as his commissioners, to treat with the prince, then at Hungerford. In the convention (g), he was chosen by the peers, their speaker, in opposition to the earl of Danby, and strenuously supported the motion of the vacancy of the throne, and the necessity of supplying it by the prince of Orange; and put the question, ‘ Whether their highnesses the prince and princess of Orange, should not be declared king

(a) The editor of Dr. Barwick's life, in the addenda, says, she was afterwards married to Thomas Chichley, Esq; (afterwards Sir Thomas) of Wimpole, in Cambridshire.

(b) His will, dated July 18, 1642. See the inquisition after his death, and the lands he died seiz'd of; Cole's Collection of Records of the court of wards, vol. VI. p. 55.

(c) Rapin's Hist. of Eng. fo. vol. II. p. 742. (d) Echard's Hist. of the revolution, 8vo. p. 76.

(e) Ibid. (f) Rapin, vol. II. p. 780. and Echard's Revol. p. 185.

(g) Rapin, vol. II. p. 785. and Echard, p. 229.

'king and queen (a),' which was carried 65 against 45; and dying in 1695, left behind him a great character for his wisdom, integrity, and conduct, and many other excellent qualifications. The reign of King Charles II. and King James II. when the councils often changed, prov'd the integrity of the courtiers, and very few but went in too much, either to the prerogative of the crown, or the rights of the people; yet this noble lord demeaned himself so well, that he was look'd upon by common suffrage, as a true patriot, both to his king and country.

He married two wives; 1. Dorothy, daughter of Henry, earl of Sunderland, by whom he had three sons; 1. Henry, lord Eland, who married Esther (b), daughter and coheir to Charles de la Tour, marquis of Gouvernet, in France, and died in his father's life-time without issue. 2. William, the next marquis of Hallifax; and 3. George, slain at the siege of Buda, 1688, unmarried; also one daughter, Anne, wife to John, lord Vaughan. His second lady was Gertrude, daughter of William Pierpoint, Esq; second son of Robert, earl of Kingston, by whom he had a daughter, Elizabeth, married to Philip earl of Chesterfield, father of the present earl. William, marquis of Hallifax, his eldest surviving son, married two wives; 1. Elizabeth, daughter and heir (c) to Sir Samuel Grimston, of Gorhambury, in com. Hertf. Bart. by whom he had one daughter, Anne, who was first wife to the present lord Bruce; his second wife was, lady Mary, only daughter of Daniel, earl of Nottingham, (by his first wife, the lady Essex Rich, one of the daughters and coheirs of Robert, earl of Warwick and Holland) by whom he left only two daughters, his coheirs, viz. 1. lady Dorothy, married to the earl of Burlington; 2. lady Mary, married to the earl of Thanet (d). His relict, afterwards married John, duke of Roxburgh, and had issue, the present marquis of Beaumont, who married Essex, daughter of Sir Roger Mostyn, Bart. This William, marquis of Hallifax, died Aug. 31, 1700; when, for want of issue-male, the peerage became extinct.

But Sir George Savile, the first Baronet, (the sixteenth in descent from Sir John Savile, of Savile-hall) by his second wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Edward Ayseough, of South-Kelsey, in Lincolnshire, Knt. relict of George Savile, of Wakefield, Esq; had issue three sons; 1. Sir John; 2. Richard, who died without issue; and 3. Henry Savile, of Bowling, Esq; and four daughters; of which, Mary, married John Archer, of Gray's-Inn, Esq; Sir John Savile, of Lupset, in com. Ebor. the eldest son, married two-wives; 1. Elizabeth, daughter to John Armitage,
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(a) Echard, *ibid.* p. 259.
Hins's peerage, vol. IV. p. 228.
families.

(b) Extinct peerage, 8vo. vol. I. p. 147.

(c) Col-
(d) *Ibid.* in the earl of Burlington's and Thanet's

of Kirklees, Esq; by whom he had only a daughter, married to William Hufiler, of Cleaveland, Esq; His second wife was Anne, daughter of Sir John Soame, Knt. by whom he had two sons; Sir John, and Thomas, who died without issue; and also two daughters; Mary, wife of — Jennison, of Newcastle, Esq; and Anne, of John Harris, of London, Esq;

The line of Sir George Savile, Bart. from whence descended the marquis of Hallifax, being extinct, Sir John Savile, son of Sir John Savile, of Lupset, aforementioned, by Anne, daughter of Sir John Soame, Knt. and grandson of Sir George, the first baronet, inherited the title of baronet, in 1700, on the marquis's death; but dying unmarried, 1704, the title descended to Sir George Savile, Bart. in the following manner.

17. Henry Savile, of Bowling, in com. Ebor. Esq; third son of the first Sir George Savile, Bart. by his second wife, and brother to Sir John Savile, of Lupset, beforementioned, married (a) Anne, daughter of Robert Crewse, of London, merchant, by whom he had five sons, and three daughters; George, John, Henry, Robert, and Edward; all which died without issue, except John. Of the daughters, Elizabeth, married the count Monfelto; Anne, Sir Robert Forbes, of Scotland, and Mary.

18. John, only surviving son of Henry Savile, of Bowling, Esq; was rector of Thornhill, in Yorkshire; he married first, Elizabeth, daughter of Dr. Tully, by whom he had no issue; and secondly, Barbara, daughter of Thomas Jennison, of Newcastle, upon Tyne, Esq; (who died, June, 1734) by whom he had issue, Sir George Savile, his successor, the present baronet, (surviving heir-male to the first Sir George Savile, Knt. and Bart. and upon whom, George, late marquis of Hallifax, in consideration of his name and family, settled the reversion of the possessions of the first baronet, to attend the title;) and two daughters, Anne, who married Sir Nicholas Cole, of Branspeth, in Durham, Bart. deceased; and Gertrude.

19. Sir George Savile, the present baronet, the nineteenth in a lineal descent from Sir John Savile, of Savile-hall, Knt. represented the county of York, in the first parliament of King George II. being elected on Sir Thomas Wentworth's being created lord Malton. He married, 1722, Mary, daughter of John Pratt, of the city of Dublin, Esq; by Honoretta, his wife, daughter of Sir John Brooke, of Ellinthorpe, in Yorkshire, Bart. by whom he hath issue, one son (b) George, and two daughters, Arabella, and Barbara.

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ARMS:

(a) Dugdale's Visit, of Yorkshire, fo. 185, B.
Savile, Bart.

(b) Ex Infor. Dom. Geo.

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ARMS: Argent, on a Bend Sable, three Owls of the Field.

CREST: On a Wreath, an Owl, as in the Arms.

MOTTO: *Be Fast.*

SEAT: At *Rufford*, in *Nottinghamshire*.

15. WODEHOUSE, of Kimberley, Norfolk.

(Sir PHILIP, KNIGHT,)

Created BARONET, June 29, 1611.

THERE have been several families of ancient extraction (*a*), of this surname, that have been denominated according to the custom of former ages, from their possessions: the pedigrees of this family, (I may say all that I have seen (*b*)) deduce them from Bertram, of Wodehouse-tower, in Yorkshire, who, 'tis said, compounded with the conqueror, and enjoy'd his lands and inheritance, but as the pedigree in verse tells us, this is supported by no evidence, which makes me (*c*) think it is as great an error, as that general one, of making this family of Yorkshire extraction. That Bertram, was ancestor of the family of Wodehouse, in that county, I take to be true (*d*); but am as sure that this family is not descended from that, because the names of the owners of that estate is widely different; in King John's time, the pipe-roll of the tenth of that king, tells us, that Adam de Wodehuse, chaplain, held a bovate of land in Wodehuse, in Yorkshire; that he was son of Robert, who was son of Hugh, none of which names occur in this family at that time, for Sir Richard de Wodehouse, was cotemporary with this Adam, who was son of Henry, the son of George; neither is there any occasion for us to go out of the county of Norfolk, nor indeed far from their present seat, to find lands and possessions from whence they might be, and indeed (*e*), I believe, were denominated; the Wodehouses being surnamed, as I am apt to think (*f*), from a tenement and lands now in Windham, called Wodehouse, lying in Silfield; and what confirms me in this is (*g*), that even in the 52 Hen. III. anno 1267, the

(*a*) There was a family of the Wodehouses, of Waxham, in Norfolk, of ancient extraction, and knightly degree, which by some, are confounded with Kimberley family, but they always bare a different arms, viz. Quarterly Ermine, and Azure, in the second and third Quarters, a Leopard's Face, Or; as Sir William Wodehouse, of Waxham, Knt. bare it, in 1558.

(*b*) The reverend Mr. Blomefield, who is writing a topographical history of Norfolk, and who has already, after great pains and labour, published the first volume of it, in fo. and to whom we are obliged for great part of the account of this ancient family; see his description of Kimberley, p. 751.

(*d*) Ibid.

(*e*) Ibid.

(*f*) Ibid.

(*g*) Ibid.

(*c*) Ibid.

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the escheat-roll says, that Petronilla de Wodehouse, died seized of Wodehouse, and a mill in Tilney, towards which part of the county, the family then removed, namely to Rydon.

That they were gentlemen of good rank in the time of King John, Peacham informs us (*a*), which appeared to him by many ancient grants and evidences of the family, which he had seen, and from which the pedigree was collected; but when the family removed from their old seat at Kimberley, to Downham, many of them being left neglected there, became rotten, and were devoured by vermin; for which reason, I (*b*) cannot assert several things, which might have been proved by them, which I shall therefore omit, and content my self with the following account, which stands supported on sufficient authority (*c*).

1. Sir Constantine de Wodehouse, who married Isabel, daughter and heir of Botetort, in the beginning of Hen. I. whose arms are blazon'd in old English verse, in the pedigree, as are the arms of all the matches of the family, down to Sir Thomas Wodehouse's time. He was succeeded by his son and heir,

2. Sir George de Wodehouse, who flourished in the time of Hen. I. whom he accompanied into Normandy, and was at the burning of Baieux, and taking of Caen-castle. He married Winifride, daughter and heir of Lacy, by whom he had,

3. Sir Henry, his son and heir, who married Beatrix, daughter of the lord Say.

4. Sir Richard, his son and heir, is omitted in most, if not all the pedigrees, but is rightly mentioned in both the rolls (*d*). He married an Aspoll, and lived in King John's time.

5. Sir William Wodehouse, his son and heir, lived at Flit-cham, in Norfolk, the monastery of which place he is said to have founded, and made a cell to Walsingham: he was the first of the family that purchased lands in Kimberley, but no manor there, tho' he was lord of manors in Norfolk; and indeed, by what I can see (*e*), he was the first that removed from Windham side. He married Petronilla, daughter and heir of Clervaux.

It is plain that he died before 1267, 52 Hen. III. for in that year, Petronilla de Wodehouse, his wife, died seized of the tenement, Wodehouse, and lands, and Woods thereto belonging, lying in Windham.

6. Francis Wodehouse, Esq; son of Sir William, married the daughter and coheir of Sir John Pecche. Of this Francis, I find no other memorial (*f*), he being in a short time succeeded by,

7. Sir Bertram de Wodehouse, his son and heir; he attended
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(*a*) In his Compleat Gentleman, p. 235.
 (*c*) Ibid. (*d*) Ibid. (*e*) Ibid.

(*b*) Blomefield, *ibid.* p. 752.
 (*f*) Ibid. p. 753.

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King Edward I. into the north, when he dispers'd the Scots, and slew twenty thousand of them. He married Muriel, daughter and heir of Hamo, lord Felton, by whom he had Feltons, in Great Massingham, and Feltons or Hemgraves, in Fordham, in Cambridgeshire, besides several other manors, and a vast estate. He had three sons; 1. Sir William. 2. Robert de Wodehouse, who was chaplain to Edward II. and in 1318, was (a) made baron of the exchequer, by patent dated Oct. 14. 12 Edw. II. In the second year of Edw. III. the king presented him to the archdeaconry of Richmond (b), to which he was admitted by his proxy, Sept. 14, 1328; his will was proved Feb. 3, 1345, in which, he ordered his body to be buried in the choir of the Austin monks, at Stanford (c). In 1329, he was treasurer of the exchequer (d); and 3. John de Wodehouse (e), who was steward of the household to Richard de Wentworth, bishop of London, and lord chancellor at the time of his death, in 1339, and in 1375 (f), he was chamberlain of Chester.

8. Sir William de Wodehouse, eldest son and heir, was a man of great valour, and as such, was retained by the Black Prince, whom he attended into Spain, 40 Edw. III. When Edmund of Langley, Beauchamp, and the flower of England's knights went thither, under great Lancaster, and Edward, the black prince, where they bravely fought, and help'd Don Pedro, king of Castile, against Don Henry, his bastard brother, whom the pope had legitimated, and excommunicated Don Pedro: in 1374 (g), he was sheriff of London, with Richard Lyons; he married the daughter and heir of Humphry Lutterell.

9. Sir Richard de Wodehouse, son of Sir William, was of Rydon, in Norfolk, and by vertue of his lands and tenements held of Rising-castle, was obliged to repair, and maintain a tower of that castle, to which he also paid a sum of money yearly, for castle-guard. He married Alice, daughter and coheir of Sir John Northwood, of Northwood-Barningham, in Norfolk, Knt. and was succeeded by his son,

10. Sir Thomas de Wodehouse, who married Alice, sister and heir of John Elmton or Emond, of Cranworth, son of Roger Emond,

(a) Madox Hist. of the Exch. p. 186. (b) Le Neve's Fasti, fo. 325. (c) Rymeri Collectanea, vol. I. N. 41. ad Fin. vol. XVII. p. 122. (d) Peacham, in his Compleat Gentleman, p. 237. says, 'I find, out of a fair parchment-manuscript, in French, or collection of the parliaments, all the time of Edward III. (which my honour'd and worthy friend Sir Robert Cotton hath) and in the fourth year of his reign, at a parliament to be holden at Westminster, a writ thus directed, to Robert de Woodhouse, his chaplain and treasurer.

Rex dilecto clerico suo Roberto de Wodhouse, archidiacono de Richmond, thesaurario suo salutem. Negotia nos & statum regni contingentia, &c. vobis mandamus firmiter injungentes quod omnibus aliis pretermisissis, &c.'

(e) Rym. vol. V. p. 147. (f) Ibid. vol. VII. p. 127, 8. But Sir Peter Leycester, in his list of the chamberlains of Chester, says, 50 E. w. III. 1376, John Woodhouse was chamberlain, to 17 Rich. II. 1393. (g) Stow's Survey of Lond. vol. II. B. 5. p. 112.

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Emond, of Cranworth, Esq; who married Maud, daughter and heir of Sir Baldwin Botourt, of Cranworth, Knt.

11. Sir Edward de Wodehouse, son of Sir Thomas, married a daughter and coheir of Erpingham, by whom, Litcham came to this family. He owned lands in Kimberley, in 1378. I have not met with any account of his sons or daughters (*a*) besides,

12. Sir John Wodehouse, Knt. who was a younger son, being afterwards in favour with Hen. IV. by whom he was knighted; he came and settled at Kimberley, having married Margaret, daughter and sole heir of Sir Thomas Fastolf, of Kimberley, Knt. and removed from the Fastolf's seat, which was at the west end of the town, built a new seat in the east part, with the tower called Wodehouse's tower, thereto belonging. (*b*) By deed dated 20 Jan. 2 Hen. IV. upon his eldest son's marriage with Furneaux, he entailed his house, which he had new built, called Wodehouse's tower, and the new park called Wodehouse's park, together with his manors of Kimberley, Corston, Thuxton, Litcham-market, Feltwell, &c. on them and their heirs (*c*); in 1404, he was constable of Rising-castle, and had four sons; 1. John. 2. Giles de Wodehouse, living 1436. 3. Thomas, who died 1451 (*d*), seiz'd of Felton's manor, in Fordham, in Cambridgeshire; and 4. Jerome de Wodehouse (*e*), who held Felton's manor, in Great Massingham, in tail, Poinings, and Esthail, in Flitcham, Anmer, &c. He married Anne, daughter and coheir of Richard Irming, Esq;

13. John Wodehouse, Esq; eldest son and heir, in his father's life-time, was gentleman of the privy-chamber to King Henry IV. and in 1400, married Alice, daughter and heir of Furneaux.

On the decease of Henry IV. his son King Henry V. chose him esquire of his own body (*f*): in 1414, he was admitted one of the chamberlains of the exchequer (*g*) for life. In 1415, he attended the king's person to the battle of Agincourt, in France, where he won great renown, by his valiant prowess, spiring up the English that were inclined to stand: and after the battle inclined to the English, many of the French nobles fled, and got into an old fort, where, by reason of the streightness of the passage, 'twas difficult to overcome them. For this gallant action, the king granted him an annuity of ten marks a year, out of his manor of Thetford, and made him steward of all the dominion of the dutchy of Lancaster, in Norfolk, and Cambridgeshire, with a salary of

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(*a*) Mr. Blomefield's Norfolk, vol. I. p. 754. (*b*) Ibid. (*c*) E. Cart. Pen. D. Nerff. (*d*) Pedigree of Wodehouse, in Blomefield's Norfolk. (*e*) Ibid.

(*f*) He refused the honour of knighthood, esteeming it to be a superior honour to be esquire of the body to such a master, which place he must have resigned, if he had been dubbed knight, and having lands sufficient in value to be knighted, he paid a fine rather than take that honour. Blomefield, p. 755. (*g*) Lib. Nig. in Scac. fo. 47. b.

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10l. per annum, and as a perpetual augmentation of honour, assigned him the Crest of a Hand, issuing from the clouds, holding a Club, and this Motto (a), *Frappé forte, strike strong*, or rather, *beat down the fort*, and the Savage, or wild man, holding a Club, which was the ancient crest of the family, was now omitted, and two of them placed as supporters to the arms, which had a further augmentation of honour added in the shield, viz. on the Chevron, *Guttè de sang*, as they are born to this day. The ancient Coat, before this addition, being only, Sable, a Chevron Or, between three Cinquefoils Ermine; and the year following, as a further reward for his eminent valour (b), he gave him, by the name of his beloved esquire, the priory of Welles, in Norfolk, which was dissolved, being an alien belonging to Caen, in Normandy, with all the revenues, manors, services, advowsons, &c. (except the rectories of Wells, and Geyton) that belonged to it (c), any where in England, to be held by him and his heirs, in capite, by the rent of a rose (d), payable on midsummer-day, in lieu of all services whatever. It appears, that immediately after this honourable addition to his arms, he got his seal made accordingly; for in 1415, being seoffee for the manors of Kelling and Salthouse, he sealed with his new seal, *Guttè de sang*, being on the Chevron, &c. (e) In 1418, he, the bishop of Norwich, and Sir Thomas Erpingham, were the three commissioners, whom the lords of the council sent to persuade the gentlemen of the county to go into France, to serve the king with arms and equipage, agreeable to their quality, who return'd answer, that they had no success, because the stoutest men were already in the army; and those that remain'd, excused themselves by their poverty, or bodily infirmities (f). He served no less than four times in parliament for the county of Norfolk (g), viz. in 1409, 11 Henry IV. with John Winter, Esq; in 2 Henry V. with John Inglethorp, Esq; in 1414, with Sir Edmund Oldhall, with whom he served again in 1416: he continued in favour with the princes

(a) The Motto, *Frappé fort*, may allude to this fort that he conquered, it being given him on that account, and 'tis probable, were the words he used to encourage his men to assail it, signifying, strike down the fort, as well as, strike strong. Blomefield, p. 756.

(b) Mon. Ang. vol. I. f. 575. (c) Wells manor in Geyton, which, with Wells priory, was given to this John Wodehouse, and was, on that priory's being restored by Edward IV. granted to his chapel at Westminster, and the abbot reassumed it from Wodehouse, and carried it against him by the interest of the duke of Lancaster. See Dugd. Mon. vol. I. fo. 576.

(d) The Alien-priory of Panfield, in Essex, being vested in the crown, King Henry V. in the third year of his reign, granted it in fee to John Wodehouse, of Northfolk, Esq; to hold it by the service of a red rose; he had likewise, the priory of Wells, in Norfolk, given him. Humphry, duke of Gloucester, being guardian of the king and kingdom, ordered seizin of this estate to be given to Henry, son of John Wodehouse. History of Essex, in 4to, published by the reverend Mr. Findal, p. 46. who quotes for his authority, Lett. Pat. 3 Hen. V. Test. 20 June, ex Coll. Ch. Pet. Le Neve, Arm. Norroy.

(e) Godw. Hist. Hen. V. p. 214, 15. MSS. Bib. Cot. Caligula, D. 5.

(f) Rot. Parl.

(g) Ex Coll. Brown Willis, Arm.

princes he served, during his whole life : Peacham says, he was one of Henry IV's executors, and certain I am that he was also executor to Henry V. who left him by his will, a gold cup (a) ; of whom he obtained licence to found a chantry-priest, to sing for the souls of that prince and his queen, and of his beloved esquire, John Wodehouse, and his wife, their ancestors and posterity, either in the cathedral church, at Norwich, or in the charnel-chapel thereto belonging : I (b) have seen a pair of beads, which were given by Queen Catherine, wife of Henry V. to the wife of this John ; they are now in the hands of Armine Wodehouse, Esq; and are very large, all of coral, except each tenth bead, which are wrought gold, there being seventy in all ; there is also a cross of gold hanging to them, and in those days, were used at their devotion. I (c) also saw the hilt of a large old sword, adorn'd with silver, and a long knife, or poignard, of the same workmanship, which are still preserved in the family, and are, without doubt, those used by this John, in the Agincourt-battle, the form and make of them agreeing exactly to the time. He died at Rydon, in 1430 ; his will is dated there, Jan. 15 (d), by which, he ordered his body to be buried in the lower chapel of the charnel, by the cathedral, at Norwich, and ordered that after mass said over his body in the cathedral, they should carry his bier into the charnel, and there perform such services for him, as he enjoin'd, for which, he gave the principal, master, or custos, of the upper charnel-chapel, 6s. 8d. and two small silver dishes gilt, and two silver candlesticks ; and to each of the priests of the charnel, 3s. 4d. to the chaplain of the lower charnel-chapel, in which

(a) 'Item legamus Johanni Wodehouse, Armigero, unum cyphum auri.' Blomefield, p. 757. King Hen. V. made Henry, lord Fitz-hugh, Walter Hungerford, Walter Beauchampe, Lewis Robsart, William Porter, Robert Babthorpe, John Woodhowse, and John Leventhorpe, Esqs. the executors of his will and testament ; the king granteth to them 40000 marks for the performance of the same will. Cotton's Abridge. of Records, p. 563. (b) Blomefield, p. 757. (c) Ibid. (d) 'In Dei nomine, Amen, Deo gratias, ego Johannes Wodehouse, Armiger, compos mentis condo testamentum meum in hunc modum.

'Item lego corpus meum, ubicunque infra regnum Anglie me contigerit viam univérse carnis ingredi, ad sepeliendum in capella inferiori vocata le Charnel, infra precinctum prioratus sancte Trinitatis Norwici, & quod funeralia & exequie mee teneantur & observentur modo qui sequitur. Et post missam finitam, volo quod feretrum meum deferatur in le Charnel, & ibidem exequie mortuorum de nocte cum missa in crastino teneantur per principalem capelle superioris, & confratres suos ; & per capellanum capelle inferioris, modo debito, die septimo, quo die dominus ab omni opere quod patravit requievit, & habeat predictus principalis vis. vii. d. & capellanus capelle inferioris vis. viii. d. & quilibet sacerdotum predictorum confratrum dicti principalis iii. s. iv. d. Item lego principali & sociis suis confratribus capelle superioris vocate le Charnel, infra precinctum prioratus predicti, duas parvas pelles argenteas & deauratas, cum duobus candelabris argenteis, habendis sibi & suis principalibus & confratribus dicte capelle superioris in perpetuum, absque ulla alienatione earundem futuris temporibus inde facienda.

'In cujus testimonium huic presenti testamento meo sigillum meum apposui. Datum apud Rydon, quinto decimo die mensis Januarii, anno regni regis Henrici sexti post conquestum nono.' S.r Tho. Browne's Post. Works, de Schola Regia Norwicensi, p. 21.

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which he was buried, 6s. 8d. and afterwards, this chaplain became his chantry-priest, and sung for him till the dissolution.

14. Henry de Wodehouse, Esq; was twenty-four years old at his father's death (*a*), as appears from the writ issued to the escheator of Norfolk, requiring him to take fealty and relief for the manor of Welles, &c. and to give him possession. King Henry V. was his godfather, by whom he was recommended to Hen. VI. At his father's death, he lived at Bocking-Ash, in Suffolk, and in 1449, was lord of Well-manor, in Geyton, and this year had a charter of free-warren in all his lands, woods, and demesns, in Norfolk, and dying the next year without issue, his estate went to his brother, John.

15. John Wodehouse, Esq; his brother, succeeded him, who, when the commissioners were appointed, 12 Hen. VI. to summon all persons of best note, and tender them an oath for the keeping the peace, and observing the king's laws, for themselves and retainers, was returned (*b*) as one of the principal gentlemen of Norfolk; and because he would not take the honour of knighthood, was fined accordingly; he married (*c*) Constance, eldest daughter and coheir of Thomas Geddyng, of Icklingham, in Suffolk, Esq; relict, first, of Henry Pooley, Esq; and after that, of John Aleyne, Esq; one of the barons of the exchequer, by whom he had one son, Sir Edward, and a daughter, Alice, married to William Clippeby, of Clippeby, in Fleg, in Norfolk, Esq; I find him sometimes called, John Wodehouse, of London, Esq; where he also had a house; he died at Kimberley, in 1465, as the writ of *Diem clausit extremum* shews us (*d*). He, and his wife, lie buried in the altar-rails, in Kimberley-chancel, close by the north wall; on the stone is his effigies in armour, with this in a label from his mouth; *Credo quod redemptor meus vivit*. She, stands in a praying posture, with this from her mouth; *Et in carne mea videbo Deum salvatorem meum*. The arms are lost, but this inscription on a brass plate remains (*e*);

Hic jacet Johannes Wodehous, & Constancia, Uxor
ejus, quorum animabus propicietur Deus, Amen.

16. Sir Edward Wodehouse, his son and heir, was knighted at Grafton-field, near Tewksbury. The pedigree says, that in 1461, by order of Edw. IV. under his privy seal, he levied in Norfolk, of his followers, tenants, and gentlemen of quality, no less than two hundred, and armed them at his own charge, and attended the king in his journey into Scotland, being accompanied in his own retinue, with two dukes, seven earls, thirty-one barons,

(*a*) Rot. Fin. 9 Hen. VI.
(*e*) Ibid.

(*b*) Fuller's Worthies in Norfolk.

(*c*) See Ged-

dyng's Pedigree in Rice's Descript. of Suff. p. 270.

(*d*) Blomefield, p. 752.

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barons, and fifty-nine knights: I find him alive in 1473 (a), but can't say exactly when he died, tho' he and his second wife are buried in Kimberley-church, and had this over them, on a brass plate, which is lately lost;

Here lyeth Syr Edward Wodehouse, Knyght, and
Dame Jane, hys Wiffe; all good Christien Men
that rede this fame, of your Charity, to pray for
the Soules of them, and all Christien Soules.

He married two wives, first, the daughter of Sir John Tirrel, by whom he had no issue; secondly, Jane, daughter and heir of Edmund Swathyng, of Letton, Esq; by whom he had issue, three sons; 1. Sir Thomas. 2. John. 3. Bertram Wodehouse, a priest, who built a large stone house, at Trunch, in Norfolk, for a school, and alms-houses, and endow'd the same with a perpetual living: also one daughter, Eleanor, married first to Edmund Hastings; secondly, to John Bozun, of Wiffingset, and thirdly, to — Cresfiner, Esqrs. she died in 1487, and was buried in the Black-Fryers, at Norwich, with her first husband.

17. Sir Thomas Wodehouse, Knt. his son and heir, was created knight of the Bath, at the marriage of Prince Arthur, eldest son to King Henry VII. with the Infanta of Spain, and was sent ambassador into France, where he married a lady of Piccardy, for his first wife, but by her had no issue. He was deeply engaged for John de la Pole, earl of Suffolk, in great sums, which the duke left unpaid, and being sued in 1486, upon that account, he had the king's pardon, with restitution to his lands and goods: for his second wife, he had Thomazine, daughter of Sir Roger Townesend, of Raynham, in Norfolk, Knt. by whom he had issue, three sons, and two daughters; 1. Sir Roger. 2. John, of Brecles, Esq; who married Anne, daughter of William Spelman, Esq; who survived him, and afterwards married — Desny, and died 1559. 3. Edward Wodehouse (b), who embraced a religious life. The daughters were, Catherine, married to Sir Thomas Lovell, of Berton-Bendish, in Norfolk, Knt. and Elizabeth, to Thomas Wingfield, of Easton, in Suffolk, Esq; Sir Thomas, died in 1487, and was succeeded by his eldest son,

18. Sir Roger Wodehouse, Knt. who, by reason of his small stature, was called Little Sir Roger, he was knighted by Edw. VI. in 1548, and is (c) often called (d) knight of the carpet; he, at the beginning of Ket's rebellion (e), taking his household-servants with him, and three carts, two laden with beer, and a third
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(a) Blomfield's Norfolk, p. 759.

(b) I.e. Neve's MSS. vol. I. p. 40.

(c) Antis

Cart. MSS. E. 9. fo. 82.

(d) Knights of the carpet, were so called, because they

kneel upon a carpet at their creation,

(e) Hol. vol. I. fo. 1029. Speed, 833.

Nevil de Furor. Norff. p. 29.

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with provision, followed the rebels, designing to have endeavoured to persuade them to desist from their wicked enterprize, imagining, that they being his near neighbours, and knowing his former good usage to them, would have had respect to his kindness, and have minded his persuasions, but on the contrary, they seized him, stripped him of his apparel, took his horses, and all he had from him, cruelly tugged and cast him into a ditch of one Morrice's, of Nether-Earlham, by Helsdon-bridge, and had there slain him, had not his servant courageously defended him from their insults (*a*); however, he could not free him from their hands, but they carried him with them, and imprisoned him in Surrey-house, on Mousehold-hill, by Norwich. He had two wives; first, Elizabeth, daughter and coheir of Sir Robert Ratcliff, Knt. and secondly, Elizabeth, daughter of John Drury, of Besshorpe, in Norfolk, Esq; by the first, he had four sons, and four daughters; 1. Thomas. 2. Sir William, who was vice-admiral (*b*) of the English fleet, being knighted for his valiant acts, done in the aforesaid battle of Muselburgh, and after his return, became a man of much repute in his country (*c*); in 1, 2, Phil. and Mary, he was elected knight of the shire, with Nicholas Lefrange, and 4, 5, P. M. with Sir Henry Bedingfield, he served also for the county, anno 1 Eliz. with Nicholas Lefrange, aforesaid, and again, in the fifth of that queen, with Sir Edward Warner, Knt. 3. George; and 4. John Wodehouse, buried at Kimberley, March 18, 1579. The daughters were, 1. Amy (*d*), married to Ralph Shelton, Esq; second son of Sir John. 2. Anne, (*e*) who first married Sir Thomas Ragland, Knt. and secondly, Christopher Coningsby, Esq; who was killed at Musselburgh-field (*f*), only son of Sir William Coningsby, of Walington, in Norfolk, Knt. and grandson to Sir Humphry Coningsby, Knt. lord chief-justice. 3. Jane, married first, to Levens, and secondly, to W. Mason; and 4. Elizabeth, married to William Moor, and was buried at Kimberley, 1563. By his second lady, (who survived him) he had only one daughter, Ursula, married to the eldest son of Sir Thomas Cotton, of — in Kent, Knt. Sir Roger, was buried in (*g*) Kimberley-church, Feb. 10, 1560.

19. Thomas Wodehouse, Esq; eldest son of Sir Roger, in 1 P. and M. was (*h*) high-sheriff of Norfolk and Suffolk, which office he served again, in 5 Eliz. and in 4 and 5 P. and M. and 1 Eliz.

(*a*) This servant's name was Egerly, and Sir Roger settled on him and his heirs, forty pounds per ann. which his descendants enjoy'd till lately, when the last of them died: the estate lay in Runhall. Mr. Biomefield's Norfolk, p. 760. (*b*) Sir John Heyward, in vita Ed. VI. p. 15.

(*c*) From the list of parliament men for Norf. collected from the Parl. Rolls, and communicated by Browne Willis, Esq; (*d*) Le Neve's MSS. vol. I. p. 40. (*e*) Ibid. (*f*) Chauncy's Hertford p. 463.

(*g*) Regr. Byrcham int. Archiv. Norw.

(*h*) From a roll of the sheriffs, &c.

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1 Eliz. (a) he was burgeis in parliament for the borough of Yarmouth, in Norfolk; he was in favour with Hen. VIII. whom he faithfully served till his death; afterwards being retained in the service of Edw. VI. he was one of those valiant gentlemen (b) that went against the Scots, being standard-bearer in the battle of Muffelburgh, in which he was slain, on Saturday, 10 Sept. 1547, his father, Sir Roger, being then alive. He married Margaret, daughter of Sir John Shelton, of Shelton, Knt. who survived him, and was created lady Wodehouse (c), by whom he had five sons, and three daughters; 1. Sir Roger, successor to his grandfather. 2. Henry, born Jan. 3, 1546; Sir John Robsart, and his lady, answered for him: he was (as all his ancestors for many generations always were) justice of the peace, and twice member for the county of Norfolk, viz. in 14 and 31 Eliz. 3. Loy. 4. John; and 5. Thomas, who all died without issue. The daughters were, 1. Anne, who married Richard Stocks, (or Stokes) of Bonham, archdeacon of Norfolk. 2. Elizabeth (d), married to Thomas Jones, of Lynn, Esq; and 3. Mary, who married — Gough, Esq; a gentleman of Ireland.

20. Sir Roger Wodehouse, Knt. eldest son of Thomas, served in parliament for the borough of Alborough, in Suffolk, 13 Eliz. 1570 (e), and was knighted by that queen, at Sir Edward Clare's house, at Blickling, in Norfolk, August, 1578. The queen, in her return from Norwich, in her progress to Cambridge, favoured him with her presence (f), and lodged at his (g) house, at Kimberley, Friday, August 22, 1578: he served for Thetford, in parliament, 28 Eliz. and married Mary, daughter of John Corbet, of Sprowston, in Norfolk, Esq; sister to Sir Miles Corbet, Knt. who survived him, and married George Kemp, of Tottenham, in Middlesex, Esq; who in his will dated 1606, calls her Mary, lady Wodehouse. Sir Roger, died in 1588, and was buried at Kimberley, the 4th of April. He had two sons; Sir Philip, his successor, and Matthew, buried at Kimberley, July 22, 1598, and a daughter, Catherine, that died young.

21. Sir Philip Wodehouse, Knt. served Queen Elizabeth both by sea and land, in Spain and Portugal, was at the conquest of Cales, in Spain, and for his valour shewn there, was knighted by Robert, earl of Essex, and Charles, earl of Nottingham, the queen's generals: on the accession of James I. to the crown of England, he went with Thomas, his eldest son, to meet that king

(a) Rot. Parl. (b) Hol. vol. II. fo. 986. (c) Blomefield, in the pedigree of Wodehouse. (d) Le Neve MSS. vol. I. p. 40. (e) Cat. of knights made by Queen Elizabeth. (f) Hol. vol. II. fo. 1298. (g) There is still in the family a noble throne, which was erected for the queen, in the grand hall at Kimberley; it is of crimson velvet, richly embroidered with gold, having on it the arms of Wodehouse, and his quarterings, with the supporters, all in curious work, and on the top are the same arms, impaling Corbet.

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king in his way from Scotland to London, and at Sir George Fermor's house, in Northamptonshire, his majesty conferr'd the honour of knighthood on Thomas, his son, then but eighteen years of age, and on the first erection of baronets, Sir Philip was advanced to that title, anno 1611 (*a*). In 28 Eliz. he was elected burgeiss in parliament, for Castle-Rising, was at the camp at Tilbury, was deputy-lieutenant for the county of Norfolk (*b*), and dying at Kimberley, was there buried, Oct. 30, 1623: his wife was Grizell, daughter of William Yelverton, of Rougham, in Norfolk, Esq; widow of Hamon Lefstrange, of Hunstanton, Esq; to whom he was married, at Kimberley, Dec. 22, 1582; she died Aug. 4, 1635, and is buried by him. By her, he had six sons, and two daughters; 1. Sir Thomas. 2. Roger Wodehouse, Esq; a gentleman not only learned (*c*), but accomplish'd, in whatever may lend lustre to worth and true gentility; he was buried at Kimberley, May 22, 1634. 3. Philip. 4. John. 5. John. 6. Miles, who all died young. The daughters were, Elizabeth, married to Humphry Guybon, of Lynn, Esq; and Margaret, that died young.

22. Sir Thomas Wodehouse, Knt. and Bart. was knighted by King James, as aforefaid, and was gentleman to Prince Henry, was twice member of parliament for Thetford, in King Charles I. time, viz. in 1639, and 1640: he married (*d*) Blanch, daughter of John, baron of Hunsdon, sister to Henry, lord Hunsdon, viscount Rochford, and earl of Dover, by whom he had issue, two sons, Sir Philip his successor; and John, that died young; and five daughters: 1. Mercy, who died young. 2. Mary, married to Sir Humphry Monnoux, of Wotton, in Bedfordshire, Bart. 3. Anne, married to Robert Suckling, of Wotton, in Norfolk, Esq; 4. Jane, wife to Sir Hugh Windham, Knt. serjeant at law; and 5. Elizabeth (*e*), married to Sir Denner Strut, of Little-Warley, in Essex, Bart. she died Nov. 6, 1651, and was buried in Kimberley-church (*f*).

Sir Thomas died in 1658, and is buried in Kimberley-chancel, near the north side, in the altar-rails: his arms, and his wife's, are impaled, supported by two wild men, holding clubs, with the crest of the hand and club, and *Frappe fort*, with these verses on his stone:

God's Mercy and Christ's Merriits make me trust,
To ryse from sleeping in my sinfull Dust,
For aye to prayse Jenovah, with the Just.

Hæc dictavit ipse, sub semi-horam moribundus,
Thomas Wodehouse Miles & Baronettus.

Mar. 18, 1658. (*g*)

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(*a*) Rot. Parl. (*b*) Kimb. Rr. (*c*) Peacham, 3d edit. 4to, p. 236. (*d*) Collins's peerage of England, vol. IV. p. 177, and Chauncy's Hertfordshire, p. 199.
(*e*) Le Neve's MSS. of the baronets, vol. I. p. 40. (*f*) Le Neve's Mon. Ang. vol. V. p. 5.
(*g*) Ibid. p. 39.

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23. Sir Philip Wodehouse, Bart. (a) was one of the burgessees for Thetford, in that parliament that restored K. Charles II. anno 1660: he was baptized at Kimberley, July 24, 1608, and was a man of good learning, ready wit, and exceeding skilful in music. He married Lucy, daughter of Sir Thomas Cotton, of Connington, in Huntingtonshire, Bart. (by Margaret, his first wife, daughter of the lord William Howard, of Naworth-castle, in Cumberland, third son of Thomas, duke of Norfolk;) and died at Kimberley, and was buried there, May 6, 1681, of whom there is the following just character on his grave-stone, which hath the arms, crest, and motto of Wodehouse, impaling Cotton, viz. Azure, an Eagle display'd, Argent, arm'd, and beaked Gules, and lies in the altar-rails, on the south side.

Hic jacet Philippus Wodehouse, Baronettus, qui in Deum, Principem, & Patriam, Eximium Pietatis Exemplar emicuit, Clementia fuit in suos, omnesque quibuscum vixerat admiranda, Theologiæ simul & Philosophiæ ita operam dedit, ut utramque Vita & Moribus expresserit, Musas & Musicam studiose colens, Vitam sibi & suis amœniorem reddidit, quumque Annos fere tres, supra septuaginta exegerat, tranquillam obiit Mortem quinto Nonas Maii, Anno Salutis, 1681.

His lady lies by him, with this inscription on her stone, in the midst of the altar-rails:

Here lyeth the Body of Dame Lucy Wodehouse, the Relict of Sir Philip Wodehouse, of Kimberley, Bart. Daughter to Sir Thomas Cotton, of Connington, in Huntingtonshire; she was of a genuine, yet strict Modesty, tender, not fond Love to her Children, great Mildness to her Servants, Candour and Charity universal; she departed this Life the 26th of June, 1684. (b)

He had issue by her, three sons, and two daughters; 1. Sir Thomas. 2. Edmond, of East-Lexham, in Norfolk, who married, first, Mercy, daughter of Sir Philip Parker, of Arwarton, in Suffolk, Knt. relict of William Guybbon, of Thursford, Esq; by whom he had two sons; Philip, buried at Kimberley, Aug. 8, 1703; and John who died without issue, and was buried at Lexham: also two daughters; Lucy, married to Lewis Monnoux, of Sandy, in Bedfordshire, Esq; and Mercy, that died without issue. The said Edmond, married to his second wife, Anne, daughter of John Anguish, of Great-Melton, Esq; by whom he had no issue: he died, Sept. 5, 1727, aged eighty-eight, and

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(a) Blomefield's Norfolk, p. 463.

(b) Le Neve's Monum. Anglic. vol. III.

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was buried at Kimberley. 3. John Wodehouse, of Feltwell, Esq; who married Anne, daughter of Sir Denner Strutt, of Little-Warley, Bart. relict of William Samwell, of Watton, in Norfolk, Esq; and died in 1718, and his wife in 1720 (a), by whom he had a daughter, Elizabeth, now living. The daughters of Sir Philip, were, Blanch, married to Sir Jacob Astley, of Melton-Constable, in Norfolk, Bart. and Margaret, the wife of Thomas Savage, of Elmley-castle, in Worcestershire, Esq;

24. Sir Thomas Wodehouse, was knighted by King Charles II. Nov. 2. 1666, and died of the small-pox, at Kimberley, 1671, and lieth buried there in the chancel, with this inscription, and the arms of Wodehouse, with the label of 3, to distinguish him to be the eldest son, and his father living, impaling Airmine, or Armyn, viz. Ermine, a Saltyr ingrailed Gules, on a Chief of the second, a Lyon Passant, Or.

Thomas Wodehouse Eques Auratus, Philippi Wodehouse Baronetti (id Nominis secundi) Primogenitus, Litterarum, Humanitatis, Virtutum Exemplar, cum illustrem Familiam (e qua per directam supra viginti Equitum Auratorum, & Baronettorum Seriem transmissus) magis illustrasset, & se meliori seculo dignum ostendisset, tricesimo tertio Peregrinationis suæ Anno (quo vivere plerique vix incipiunt) nondum peracto, orbos Parentes, Viduam Uxorem castissimam, Annam (Filiam & Cohæredem Gulielmi Armyn in Agro Lincolnensi Baronetti) Orphanos Liberos, lugentes omnes relinquens, Patriam cœlestem petiit, vicesimo nono die Aprilis, Anno Salvatoris Christi MDCLXXI.

He married Anne, daughter and coheir of Sir William Airmine, of Osgodby, in Lincolnshire, Bart. who surviv'd him, and remarried Thomas, lord Crew, of Stene, by whom she had four daughters; Jemima, married to Henry de Grey, duke of Kent; Armyn, to Thomas Cartwright, of Ayno, in Northamptonshire, Esq; Catherine, to Sir John Harpur, of Calke, in Derbyshire, Bart. and Elizabeth, to Charles, earl of Arran, and lord Butler, of Weston, brother of James, duke of Ormond. After lord Crew's death, she married, a third time, to Arthur (Herbert) earl of Torrington.

Sir Thomas, by Anne aforesaid, had only one son, Sir John; and a daughter, Anne, married to Sir Nicholas Lestrangle, of Hunstanton, in Norfolk, Bart.

25. Sir John Wodehouse, the present baronet, only son and heir of Sir Thomas, who succeeded his grandfather in title and estate, was born at Kimberley, March 23, 1669. In 1695, he

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(a) Mr. Blomefield's Norfolk, p. 587.

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was elected burghes in parliament for the borough of Thetford, in Norfolk, of which he is now recorder. In 1697, he rebuilt Mel-ford-bridge, and his arms are carv'd upon it, with this inscription (a): *Hic Pons sumptibus Johannis Woodhouse, Barti, ex-tructus fuit anno Dom. 1697, qui bono publico optime consuluit.* He served again for the borough of Thetford, in 1701, and 1705, and in the ninth of Queen Anne, was elected knight of the shire with Sir Jacob Astley, Bart. for the county of Norfolk: he married, first, Elizabeth, sister of John, lord Bingley, who is buried in the vault, in Kimberley-chancel, with this inscription:

Hic jacet Elizabetha, Uxor Johis Wodehouse, Baro-netti, quæ Spiritum suum in Manus Domini com-mendavit, 5^o Die Januarii, Annoq; Dom. 1700. (b)

By her, Sir John had no issue.

His second lady was Mary, only daughter of William, lord Lempster, (by his second wife, Catherine, daughter to John, lord Paulet, and half-sister to John, earl Paulet) (c) and half-sister to the present earl of Pomfret; she is buried at Kimberley, and left issue, three sons, and one daughter.

William Wodehouse, Esq; the eldest son, married Frances, daughter of Allan, lord Bathurst, and was elected one of the members of this present parliament, for the county of Norfolk, but died of the small-pox, at London, 1733, without issue, and is buried in a vault belonging to lord Bathurst's family, in St. James's Church, Westminster. His widow, (who is now living) was re-married to James Whitshed, of Ireland, Esq;

Armine Wodehouse, Esq; second son, and now heir to Sir John Wodehouse, Bart. upon his brother's death was chosen in his place, to serve in parliament for the county of Norfolk, and now is one of the representatives thereof: he married Leticia, eldest daughter and coheir of Sir Edmund Bacon, of Garboldef-ham, in Norfolk, premier baronet of all England, by whom he hath issue one son, Edmund. Thomas, the third son, is unmarried.

Sophia, Sir John's only daughter, married Sir Charles Mor-daunt, of Massingham, in Norfolk, and Walton, in Warwick-shire, Bart. and died, April, 1738, leaving issue, two sons, and a daughter, John, Charles, and Mary.

ARMS: Sable, a Cheveron, Or, *Gutte de sang*, between three Cinquefoils, Ermine.

CREST: A dexter Hand issuing out of Clouds, proper, hold-ing a Club, with this Motto about it, *Frappe fort*, and under the arms, *Agincourt*.

SUPPORTERS.

(a) Mr. Blomefield's antiquities of Norfolk, (in Thetford) p. 456. (b) Le Neve's Men. Ang. vol. V. p. 184. (c) Collins's Peerage of England, vol. III. p. 735.

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SUPPORTERS: Two Savages, or wild Men, proper, wreathed about the Head and Wrist with Oak-Leaves, vert, each with a Club over their Shoulder, vert.

SEATS: At Kimberley, and Downham-lodge, in Norfolk.

16. TYRWHITT, of Stainfield, Lincolnshire.

(Sir PHILIP, KNIGHT,)

Created BARONET, June 29, 1611.

THIS ancient family has been long seated in the county of Lincoln. Mr. Camden makes their name (*a*) local; tho' there is a tradition in the family, which has been handed from father to son, that the first of the Tyrwhitts, valiantly defending a bridge (tho' the time not mentioned) was, after the action was over, sought after by the general, on the other side, and found sleeping amongst some rushes, and was discovered by the cries and beating of the lapwings, from whence he was called Tyrwhitt, and afterwards had the three lapwings assigned him for his coat of arms.

Mr. Collier, in his historical dictionary, says, 'The Tyrwhitts are considerably ancient, as appears by their being high-sheriffs of Lincolnshire (*b*), 22 Ed. IV. and of Yorkshire, 14 Hen. VI.' And another author speaking of them, says (*c*), 'A family of great honour and antiquity, in the county of Lincoln, descended from Robert Tirwhitt, an eminent lawyer, in the reigns of King Henry IV. and V. He was first called to the degree of a serjeant, and then constituted one of the justices of the court of common-pleas, out of which court he was removed to the king's bench.' Mr. Camden, in his Britannia (*d*), speaking of Kettleby, says, 'The seat of the famous family of the Tirwhitts, knights, who now reside at Stanfield.'

The first mentioned in the pedigree, is, Sir Hercules Tyrwhitt, Knt. (*e*) living 10 Hen. I. eldest son of Robert Tyrwhitt, of Kettleby, in com. Lincoln, and of Echingham (*f*), in com. Suffex. He married the daughter of Sir Thomas Skargill, Knt. his descendant, Robert Tyrwhitt, of Kettleby, living, temp. Edw. II. was father of Sir William Tyrwhitt, of the same place, Knt. who,

(*a*) Camden's Remains, 8vo. p. 151. (*b*) See also Fuller's Worthies in com. Lincol. & com. Ebor. (*c*) Philips, in his list of those families raised to honour and wealth, by the profession of the law, p. 35, and 207. (*d*) Vol. I. p. 570. (*e*) Ex ite for. Dom. Jo. Tyrwhitt, Bar. (*f*) The inheritance of the Echingham's, came by heirs females to the barons of Windsor and the Tirwhitts. Camden, vol. I. p. 212.

who, by the daughter and heir of Groval, had issue, Sir Robert (*a*), who married the daughter of Kelke, of Kelke, in Yorkshire, whose son, Sir William, married a daughter of St. Quintyn, and had issue Adam, who, by a daughter of Lumley, was father of Sir Robert, who took to wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Sir John Waterton, Knt. by whom he had Sir William Tyrwhitt, of Kettleby, Knt. (*b*) sheriff of Lincolnshire, 9 Hen. VIII. who married Anne, daughter of Sir Robert Constable, of Flamborough, in Yorkshire, Knt. by whom he had one son, Sir Robert, and two daughters, Agnes, wife to Thomas, lord Burgh; and Elizabeth, married to Sir William Skipwith, of Ormesby, in com. Lincoln. Knt. This Sir William, died in 1522, and was buried in Lincoln-cathedral.

Sir Robert, the only son, was knighted, and sheriff of Lincolnshire, 15 Hen. VIII. and by his wife, the daughter of Sir Gilbert Talboys, of Kyme, in com. Linc. Knt. had issue, three sons; and six daughters; 1. Sir William, of Kettleby. 2. Sir Robert, who left only a daughter and heir, Catherine, married to Henry Darcy, Esq; son and heir to Sir Arthur Darcy, Knt. second son to Thomas, lord Darcy. 3. Philip, of whom hereafter. The daughters were, Anne, married to — Bolles, of Hough, Esq; Agnes, married to William, son and heir to Sir William Hanford, Knt. Elizabeth (*c*), to William Monson, of South-Carleton, Esq; Catherine, to John, son and heir to Sir Richard Thimelby, Knt. Margaret, to Matthew St. Paul, of Snarford, Esq; and Maud, to George Portington, of Sawcliff, Esq; all in the county of Lincoln.

Sir William, the eldest son, was sheriff of Lincolnshire, 28 Hen. VIII. and lies buried in the chancel of the church of Scotter, under a marble tomb (*d*), whereon the following memorial was engaged in brass:

Hic jacet Willielmus Tyrwhitt, Miles, qui obiit 19^o
Die Martii, Anno Dom. 1541, cujus, &c.

Robert, the eldest son of the said Sir William, inherited the estate at Kettleby, &c. was sheriff of Lincolnshire, 32 Hen. VIII. and a person of great note, and lies buried in the chancel of Beakly-church, under a stately monument of white alabaster (*e*); upon the flat whereof, about a yard high, lieth in full proportion, the effigies of a knight, in compleat armour, with his wife on his left side, their hands elevated, his head girt with an oaken wreath,

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(*a*) Hen. de Sutton remisit Robto Tyrwhitt jus in Advoc. ecclesia de Kirketon in le Cley juxta Wellagh in com. Nott. Testib. Ricardo de Stanhep, Tho. de Hercy, Milit. Rado Makerrell, Wil. Wastneys, & al. dat. apud averham 2 Martii, 13 Hen. IV. Le Neve's MSS. vol. I. p. 49. (*b*) Fuller's Worthies in Lincolnshire. (*c*) Col-Ins's Peerage of England, vol. IV. p. 497. (*d*) Ex Coll. Gerv. Hollis, Arm.
(*e*) Ibid. præd.

and under his feet an ape guardant. Under her head, a pillow, and at her feet, a lion. On the sides, in a border, between two verges, above the pedestals that sustain a canopy, is the 128th psalm in metre; and below, in another border, are the statues of twenty-one children, sons and daughters, four of them infants, in swathing-clothes; and under them, in another border, the several escutcheons of their arms differenc'd. On the wall side adjoining, is rais'd another quadrate, supported by two columns, the sides hollow'd and adorn'd with carv'd work, the edges garnish'd with gold. On the top, in the middle, is a death's head; and at one end, Fame, with her trumpet; under which is written, *Fame soundeth on bye*. At the other end, Time, wing'd, with a forelock, holding in one hand a fickle, in the other, an hour-glass; under which is written, *Time truth doth trye*. In a quadrate, are escutcheons of the arms and quarterings of him and his lady, empal'd, supported by two savages, with clubs in their hands, mantled Gules, doubled Or; the Crest, a Lapwing's head, eras'd; and the Motto, *Temps esprova verite*. Within a square, is a table with this inscription:

Hic jacet Robertus Tirwhit, de Kettleby, Miles,
qui obiit 13 Die Novembris, Anno Dom. 1581, ac
etiam Elizabetha, Uxor ejus quæ obiit Die.

Below,

Vigilate & Orate, quia nescitis
Diem neque Horam.

From this Sir Robert, of Kettleby, notwithstanding he had so many children, 'tis imagined, none are existing of the male line; so that the principal branch remaining, is from Philip Tyrwhitt, Esq; beforementioned, third son of Sir Robert, by his wife, the daughter of Sir Gilbert Taylboys.

Which Philip Tyrwhitt, Esq; was seated at Barton, upon Humber, in the county of Lincoln; and by Margaret, his wife, daughter and coheir of Edward Barnaby, had issue Edward, his son and heir, who settled himself at Stainfield, in com. Linc. and by Anne, his wife (a), daughter of William Dallyson, of Laughton, in com. Linc. Esq; and sister to Sir William Dallyson, Knt. one of the justices of the king's-bench, had issue two sons, Philip, and Roger.

Sir Philip, the eldest son, succeeded to the estate at Stainfield; and, with his eldest son, Edward, waited on his majesty King James I. at Belvoir-castle, when he lay there in his way from Scotland, to take possession of the crown of England, and had the honour of knighthood conferr'd both on himself, and his said son,

(a) Le Neve's MSS. vol. I. p. 50.

son, by that King, who likewise conferred on the said Sir Philip, the dignity of baronet, A. D. 1611. He married Martha (a), daughter of Sir Anthony Thorold, of Marston, in com. Linc. Knt. and dying the 5th of February, 1624, was succeeded in title and estate by the said Sir Edward, his son and heir.

Which Sir Edward Tyrwhitt, of Stainfield, Knt. and Bart. married two wives; first, Faith, daughter of Thomas, and sister and sole heir to Sir George St. Paul, of Snarford, in com. Linc. Bart. by whom he had issue two sons, Sir Philip, his successor, and Edward; and three daughters, 1. Martha, who married Sir William Helwys, Knt. 2. Mary, wife of Charles Pelham, of Manton, in com. Linc. Esq; 3. Eliz. wife of Gervase Elways, of Gainsborough, Esq; second son of Sir Gervase Elways, of Worlaby, in com. Linc. Knt.

By Elizabeth, his second wife, daughter of George Chute (b), of Betherfsden, in Kent, Esq; he had issue, Edward Tyrwhitt, Mary, and Anne.

Sir Philip Tyrwhitt (c), the eldest son, succeeded to the title and estate: he was a great sufferer for his loyalty to K. Charles I. and paid 3488l. 15 s. composition for his estate, to the sequestrators (d); and having married Anne, second daughter of Nicholas, lord viscount Castleton, (grandfather of James, the late viscount, created likewise baron Sanderfon, of Saxby, by his late majesty King George,) had issue four sons, Sir Philip, his successor, Edward, and William, who died without issue, and Nicholas, who married a daughter of Sir Thomas Grantham, Knt. and had three sons, all dead, without issue: Sir Philip, had likewise two daughters; Faith, married to George (e), eldest son of Sir George Heneage, of Hainton, in com. Lincoln, Knt. and Frances (f), to Anthony Monson, of Northrop, in com. Linc. Esq;

Sir Philip Tyrwhitt, of Stainfield, Bart. son and heir of Sir Philip, married Penelope, daughter of Sir Erasmus de la Fountain, of Kirby-Billers, in com. Linc. Knt. by whom he had twelve children, sons and daughters; of which, only one daughter lived to be of age, and married Sir Edward Southcot, of Witham, Knt. and of the sons, only Sir John, survived.

Which Sir John Tyrwhitt, Bart. succeeded his father in the title and estate, at Stainfield, &c. and was member of parliament for the city of Lincoln, in the two parliaments called by K. Geo. I. and in the first of his present majesty K. Geo. II. He married two wives; first, Eliz. daughter and coheir to Francis Philips, of Kempton-Park, in Sunbury, in Middlesex, Esq; by whom he had three daughters, whereof only two are now living; Penelope, the eldest married to George Short, of Keal, in Lincolnshire, Esq; and the youngest, to Car Brakenbury, Esq; And after her death,

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(a) Le Neve's MSS. *ibid.*

(b) Sir Edw. Lythe's Surry, p. 60.

(c) Visit.

Linc. 1634.

(d) See list of those that compounded for their estates, in letter T.

(e) Le Neve's Mon. Ang. vol. II. p. 122.

(f) Collins's Peerage of England,

vol. IV. p. 501.

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Sir John, married, secondly, Mary, daughter of Sir William Drake, of Shardelows, in com. Bucks. Knt. (which lady died, Nov. 1738,) by whom he had six sons, and six daughters (a), of which, he left only one son, Sir John de la Fountain, his successor, and four daughters, Mary, Juliana, Frances, and Sarah, who are now living; the rest dying young. Sir John, died, Nov. 1741, and was succeeded in dignity and estate, by his only son,

Sir John de la Fountain Tyrwhitt, the present baronet, who is as yet unmarried. He is chosen in the present parliament, one of the representatives for the city of Lincoln.

ARMS: Gules, three Tyrwhitts, or Lapwings, Or.

CREST: On a Wreath, a Savage Man, proper, encompassed about the Waste, with a Garland, Vert.

MOTTO: *Me stante virebunt.*

SEAT: Stainfield, in Lincolnshire.

17. MORDAUNT, of Massingham, Norfolk.

(L'ESTRANGE, ESQUIRE,)

Created BARONET, June 29, 1611.

IT appears from the records of this family, collected in the reign of King Charles II. and printed at the charge of Henry, earl of Peterborough (b), that Osbert le Mordaunt, a Norman knight, was possessed of Radwell, in Bedfordshire, by the gift of his brother, which he had of William, the conqueror, for his services, and the service of his father, in the conquest of this kingdom, as is evident from the following charter:

*‘ Eustachius de Sancto Egidio, omnibus hominibus & Amicis suis
 ‘ tam Francigenis, quam Anglicis, salutem. Sciatis me dedisse, &
 ‘ hac præfenti Charta confirmasse, Osberto dicto le Mordaunt, fra-
 ‘ tri meo, pro Homagio & Servitio suo, Terram meam de Radwell,
 ‘ cum omnibus pertinentiis, & Libertatibus suis, sibi & Hæredibus
 ‘ ejus, tenendum de me & Hæredibus meis libere & quietè, honori-
 ‘ ficè & hæreditariè, sicut illum ego inter alia recepi ac tenui de Do-
 ‘ natione & Munificentia Willielmi illustrissimi Regis Angliæ, pro
 ‘ Servitiis quæ Pater meus in Conquestu, & ego sibi fecimus, per
 ‘ Servitium dimidiæ Partis Feodi unius Militis pro omni Servitio
 ‘ seculari. Ego vero prædictus Eustachius de Sancto Egidio, &
 ‘ Hæredes mei prædictam Terram prædicto Osberto, & Hæredibus
 ‘ ejus*

(a) Ex infor. Dom. Jo. Tyrwhitt, Bar, Mordaunt, &c,

(b) Halsed's Geneal. and Rec. de fam.

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ejus contra omnes Homines & Fæminas warrantizabimus. His Testibus, Ranulpho Filio Thomæ Harveo, &c.'

This Sir Osbert le Mordaunt, for (as appears by other authorities) he was a knight, had issue two sons, Osmund, and Baldwin, as I find by charters of the said Osbert, and his son, Osmund; the former giving land in Radwell, to his younger son, Baldwin, which his brother confirmed to him. This Osmund, had issue, Eustach le Mordaunt, who, by marriage with Alicia, eldest daughter and coheir of William de Alneto, modernly called Dauney, became possessed of the lordship of Turvey, in Bedfordshire; a moiety of which, he had in the life-time of her father, as appears by his charter, without date, wherein he gave to the said Eustach, and his heirs, a moiety of all his lands in the ville of Turvey, by the service of half a knight's fee; Robert le Mordaunt, his brother, being a witness (among others) to the charter.

Several deeds of this Eustach, are extant, by the name of Eustachius Mordaunt de Wahall. He gave in free alms, to the canons of St. John the evangelist, of Caudewell, for the health of his own soul, his wife's, and the souls of his ancestors and successors, the church of St. John Baptist, of Batonenci, and ten acres of land, in Turvey; and a fine was levied, in 9 Rich. I. between the said Eustach, and Gilbert, son of William, concerning one virgate of land, with the appurtenances, in Radwell, which Osmund, father of the said Eustach, held.

William Mordaunt, his son and heir, was lord of Turvey, Radwell, Asthull, and other lands: he married Amicia, daughter of William Olney, of Olney, in com. Bucks, and was succeeded therein by a son of his own name.

Which William, was likewise possessed of Chicheley, and had licence from King Edward I. in the twenty-fifth of his reign, to enclose his pasture of Wolesey, his field called Turvey-Lees, his pasture of Manselgrove, and other his lands in Turvey (*a*), to form a park. He had issue, by Rose, his wife, daughter of Sir Ralph Wake, Knt.

Robert, his son and heir, mentioned in charters, in 16 Ed. II. and 7 and 20 Ed. III. was knight of the shire for the county of Bedford, in the parliament held at Westminster, in 15 Ed. III. He married Joan, daughter of Thomas Frowick, and had issue, Edmund le Mordaunt, who added to the possessions of his ancestors, Clifton, and Shephall, and lived in the reign of King Edward III. as appears by his charters. He married Helen, daughter and coheir of Ralph Brook (from whose other daughter and coheir, Agnes, the present earl of Cardigan is descended. And

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(*a*) Mem. amongst the fines of King Edw. I. Com. Bedf. I saw a fine of — Mordaunt, of Turvey, of lands there; the original in the court of receipts of the exchequer. See Neve's MSS. vol. I. p. 53.

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the said Ralph Brook, was the son of Laurence Brook, who married Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Ralph Perrot, and of Cassandra, his wife, daughter and heir of Giles de Argenten.) From which match proceeded Robert le Mordaunt, his son and heir.

This Robert le Mordaunt, is mentioned in deeds, in 49 Ed. III. and 14 Richard II. and having married Agnes, daughter and heir of John Strange, of Ampton-Tynworth, in Suffolk, by Elizabeth his wife, daughter and heir of William Butler, of Walden, in Essex, had issue, a son, of his own name, who succeeded him.

Which Robert, in 9 Henry V. was one of the knights for the county of Bedford, in the parliament which met at Westminster; and by Elizabeth, his wife, daughter of John Holdenby, of Holdenby, in com. Northamp. (who remarried to Thomas Tanfeld, of Geyton, in com. Northton. Esq;) was father of William Mordaunt, Esq;

This William, was living in 11 Ed. IV. and married Margaret, daughter of John Pecke, of Cople, in Bedfordshire, by whom he had, among other children, John, serjeant at law, chancellor of the dutchy of Lancaster, and one of the privy-council, temp. Hen. VII. ancestor to the present earl of Peterborough, and William; as also a daughter, Joan, wife of Sir Giles Strangeways, of Melbury, in the county of Dorset, Knt.

William, the second son, covenanted 14 Feb. 10 Hen. VII. to marry Anne, second daughter and coheir of Thomas Huntingdon, of Hempsted, in Essex, Esq; which was consummated on the 5th of June following, his brother, John Mordaunt, settling on her, as a jointure, the manor of Woodend, with the appurtenances, and several lands and tenements in Rockiden, Bereford, Chalnestre, Colmouth, and Collesden, in Bedfordshire; and all his lands in Tychmerth and Clopton, in Northamptonshire; and the said Thomas Huntingdon, her father, settled on them, after his death, and on John Paris, of Linton, in Cambridgehire, Esq; (who had married his other daughter) all his manors and lands in Cambridgehire, and Essex. This William Mordaunt, writing himself, of Hempsted in Essex, makes his will, 22 Dec. 19 Henry VIII. (the probate whereof bears date, 22 June, 1513) and orders his body to be buried by his wife, in the church of Hempsted, if he died at London, or as near to Hempsted as London; and that, as soon as may be after his decease, there be five masses said for his soul of the five wounds, and five trentals for his soul, and the soul of Anne, his wife, whereof, one to be at the Friars of Bedford, and the other four to be at the four orders, at Cambridge. He bequeaths to the church of Hempsted, a suit of vestments, and a cope of black velvet, of the price of 20*l.* with the arms of him and his wife, on the cope and vestments. And that a stone of marble be provided by his executors, to be laid

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upon him and his wife, with their images, and this inscription graven on the stone: ‘ *His jacet Willielmus Mordaunt, de Hempsted, nuper capitalis Prothonotariis Cur. Domini Regis de Com. Banco, Filius Willielmi Mordaunt, de Turvey, in Com. Bedford, Armiger; & Anna Uxor ejusdem Willielmi Filii, quæ Anna obiit die Sabbati, 12 Die Decembris, Anno Domini Millesimo, Quingentesimo XVII.*’ And that his executors cause the day and year of his decease to be put on the same stone, with *Quorum Animabus propitiatur Deus, Amen.* He moreover wills, that his bible, and all his other books, as well of the law, as of entries, English books and Latin books, remain to the heirs-male of his body, lawfully begotten, from one to the other, without selling or putting away any of them. He bequeaths to Christopher Mordaunt, his son, his manor of Weldberne, and lands in Depden; to Edmund Mordaunt, his son, his manor of Burghall, and lands and tenements in Swafham-Bulbeck, Swafham-Prior, and Roche, and elsewhere in the county of Kent; to George Mordaunt, his son, his manor of Dales, in Thundersley, and all his lands in Wymbish. Christopher and George, died without issue; Edmund, was seated at Thundersley, in Essex, and married Agnes, daughter of the lord Rich.

But Robert Mordaunt, was his eldest son, who was seated at Hempsted, in Essex (a), and by marriage with Barbara, daughter and heir of John L’Estrange, of Maffingham, in Norfolk, Esq; by Margaret, his wife (b), daughter and coheir of Thomas L’Estrange, of Walton-Deivile, in Warwickshire, Esq; became possessed of both those estates. He had issue several children; Henry Mordaunt, Esq; his eldest surviving son, was of Grimston, and King’s-Lynn, in Norfolk, and lies interr’d in St. Margaret’s church, in King’s-Lynn, with Anne his wife, daughter of — Poley, in com. Bedf. by whom he had issue, L’Estrange, and George, who married the daughter of — Castell, of Raveningham.

L’Estrange Mordaunt, the eldest son, born at Lynn, about the year 1572, who was bred to arms in his youth, and signaliz’d himself in the Low-country wars, between the Spaniards and the States of Holland, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, and during his stay there, married Margaret, daughter of — Charles, of Antwerp. He was afterwards called into the service of the said Queen, against the rebels in Ireland, where he remained several years, till he succeeded to the estate of his ancestors at Maffingham, &c. by the death of his father and his uncles; when he return’d into England, and was created a baronet, 29 June, A. D. 1611. He departed this life in the year 1627, and was buried at Maffingham,

(a) See *Fines Trin.* 21 Hen. VIII. N. 100. 37. Hen. VIII. 176. *Dugdale’s Warwickshire*, vol. I. p. 577.

(b) *Dug-*

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ffingham, leaving two fons; Sir Robert, his fucceffor; and Henry, of Congham, in Norfolk, who married Barbara, daughter of James Calthorp, of Cockthorp, in Norfolk, Esq; and was father to L'Efrange Mordaunt, Esq; who married Barbara, daughter of Richard, and fifter of Sir Nevil Catlin, of Kirby-Cane, in Norfolk, Knt. by whom he had iffue, Henry Mordaunt, of Congham, in Norfolk, Esq; and Barbara, married to captain John Brown, of Scarning, in the fame county.

Sir Robert, was knighted in the life-time of his father, and fucceeded him in the title and eftate: he refided, for the moft part, at Hempfted, in Effex; at which feat he died, Aug. 23, 1638, and had interment there; leaving, by Amy his wife, daughter of Sir Aultin Southerton (a), in com. Norf. Knt. three fons; 1. Sir Charles, his fucceffor. 2. Robert, of Hefperton, in com. Warw. who, by Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. Roufe, of Utrecht, in Holland, had a daughter, Elizabeth, married to Robert Throckmorton, Esq; fon of Clement Throckmorton, of Hafely, in com. Warw. Esq; and a fon, John-Lewis Mordaunt, who married the daughter of — Harrington, of Lincolnshire, Esq; relict of Sir William Thorold, of Haugh, in com. Linc. Bart. 3. William, of Scovis-town, in com. Pembrok. who married the daughter and heir of Butler, of Scovis-town, and left iffue. Of Sir Robert's daughters, Amy, married — Eftcourt, and Anne, to — Pickering, Esqrs.

Sir Charles, the eldeft fon, fucceeded to the baronetfhip and the eftate, refided at Maffingham, and, during the civil wars, testified his loyalty to King Charles I. had his eftate fequefter'd, and was one of thofe fhut up in Lynn, when it was befieged by the rebels. He married Catherine (b), daughter of Sir Lyonel Talmach, of Helmingham, in Suffolk, Bart. by whom he had four fons; Sir Charles, his fucceffor; Talmach, who died in the life-time of his father; Sir John, and Henry, who died young: alfo three daughters; Catherine, Elizabeth, and Amy, who died unmarried. Sir Charles died at London, July 10, A. D. 1648, and was buried at Maffingham, with the following infcription over him:

On a grave-ftone is this:

^ Hic fublicantur Reliquiæ Domini Caroli Mordaunt, de Maffingham, Militis & Baronetti, Filii & Hæredis Roberti Mordaunt, Militis item & Baronetti; qui Filius fuit, iidem, Hærefque Domini L'Efrange Mordaunt. De quo Domino Carolo plura ad murum orientalem legantur, 1648.

And

(a) Dugdale's Warw. vol. I. p. 577.

(b) Ibid.

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And on a marble monument in golden letters :

Sir Charles Mordaunt, Knt. and Bart. died at London, July the 10th, 1648, aged 33. He was married to Catherine, the Daughter of Sir Lionel Talemache, of Helmingham, in Suffolk, Knt. and Bart. by whom he had Sir Charles, his eldest Son ; Catherine, Talemache, (dying before his father) John, Henry, (departed also) Elizabeth, Amy.

Here remains in civil Trust,
His belov'd bewailed Dust ;
Whose Goodness is secur'd from Fear
Of finding any Sepulchre.

His widow afterwards married Sir Charles Lee, of Billeslee, in com. Warw. Knt.

Sir Charles, his eldest son, and successor, married Elizabeth, daughter and coheir of Mr. Nicholas Johnson, of London, and neice to Sir William Turner, Knt. lord-mayor of London, and dying without issue, was buried at Maffingham, with this epitaph :

Carolus Mordaunt, Baronettus, Caroli Mordaunt, Baronetti, & Catharina Talmach, Filius, Humanitatis & Virtutis Exemplar, obiit Anno 1664, Die 24 Aprilis, Anno Ætatis 25, in æternum Doloris & Amoris Monumentum Elizabethatori integerrima Marmor hoc posuit.

His widow, afterwards married Francis Godolphin, of Colston, in Wilts, Esq;

Talmach, the next brother, dying before his father, as is mention'd on the monument, Sir John, his brother, succeeded in the title and estate.

Which Sir John Mordaunt, Bart. residing at Walton, in Warwickshire, was chosen one of the knights of the shire for that county, in several parliaments, in the reigns of King William and Queen Anne. He took to wife, first, Anne, daughter of William Risley, of the friery in Bedford, Esq; (a) by whom he had only one daughter, Penelope, that died young : this lady Mordaunt, lies buried in Welleburne-Hastang, in the county of Warwick, having the following inscription, on a large flat stone, close to the communion-table, whereon are the arms, a Chevron, between three Estoiles, empaling, a Fesse between three Crescents, with these lines (b) :

M.	S.
Dna. Anna W. Risley, de Bedford, Gen.	
Filia & Hæres,	
Dni J. Mordaunt, de Walton, in C. W. Bar.	
Uxor amans & amata,	

Cast.

(a) Dugdale's Warw. vol. I. p. 577.
Thomas,) vol. I. p. 574.

(b) Ibid (second edit. publish'd by Dr.

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Casta, Pia, Fidelis,
Affabilitate, Pudicitia,
Et Morum Suavitate peramabilis,
Variolis malignis Occidens
Mortis exuvias
(Certe Spe renascendi ad Gloriam)
Hoc subter marmor deposuit.
Obiit pridie Nonas Junii
Salutis nostræ CIOIOCXCI^o.
Anno Ætatis suæ xxx^o.

Bis gravida & semel puerpera,
Heu nullam reliquit sobolem,
Quippe alteram in Incunabulis,
Alteram in Utero,
Cum Matre ademptam lugemus,
Penelope, quam solam peperit,
Matrem præcedens,
Eodem quiescit Sepulchro
Et sic in Maternis amplexibus
Dormire videatur
Vita vix inchoata recessit
Pridie Nonas Januarii
Anno Xti Incarnati CIOIOCXCI^o.
Mense Ætatis suæ iii^o.

Sir John, afterwards married Penelope, daughter of Sir George Warburton, of Arley, in Cheshire, Bart. and left issue two sons; Sir Charles, his successor, and John; and two daughters, Penelope, married to Joseph Herne, Esq; and Catherine, who married Dr. Dobson, warden of Winchester-college. He died Sept. 6, 1721, and was succeeded in dignity and estate by his eldest son,

Sir Charles Mordaunt, the present baronet, who is one of the knights of the shire for the county of Warwick: he married in 1720, one of the daughters of John Conyers, of Walthamstow, in Essex, Esq; who died, March, 1728, by whom he had issue, one daughter: he married to his second lady, in 1730, Sophia, only daughter of Sir John Wodehouse, of Kimberley, in Norfolk, Bart. who died in April, 1738, leaving issue two sons, and a daughter; John, Charles, and Mary.

ARMS: Argent, a Cheveron, between three Estoiles, sable.

CREST: On a Wreath, a Negroe's Head, coup'd at the Shoulders, proper, wreath'd about the Temples with Ribbands, terminating in a double Beau-knot, Or and Azure.

SEATS: At *Walton-D' Eivile*, in *Warwickshire*, and *Maffingham*, in *Norfolk*.

18. WORSELEY,

18. WORSLEY, of Apuldercombe, Hampshire.

(Sir RICHARD, KNIGHT,)

Created BARONET, June 29, 1611.

SIR Elias de Workesley (*a*), or Workedeley, as he was then called, took his name from his lordship of the same name, in com. Lanc. He is mentioned in the chronicles of the holy wars, to have made an expedition to Palestine, where 'tis wrote, that he fought many battles for the love of christians, and dying at Rhodes, he lieth there buried: he gave for arms, Argent, a Chief, Gules, and left Richard, his son and heir, who, dying temp. Hen. I. left Roger de Workedeley, lord of Workedeley. This Roger, dying temp. Hen. II. left Richard, his heir, who left Geoffrey, lord of Workesley, father of Richard, temp. Hen. III. who dying 27 Ed. I. left Henry, his heir, father to Richard (*b*), lord of Workesley, which Richard, was father to Jordan de Workesley; which Jordan, was the elder (*c*) brother, by a first wife, and Henry, was from a second wife, who yet obtain'd the manor of Workesley, which might be the reason that Jordan, in despight, left his paternal coat, and gave for his coat, Argent, a Cheveron, between three Choughs, Sable. This Jordan, lived in the beginning of the reign of Ed. III. From Henry, are descended the family of Worsley (*d*), who are now seated at Hovingham, in com. Ebor.

Jordan, left Geoffry, his son and heir, who was made a knight, and was retained by John, duke of Lancaster, to accompany him in his expedition into France, 48 Ed. III. where this Sir Geoffry, with several other knights, was made a prisoner (*e*): the parliament petition (*f*) the king, that in consideration of their great services, he would please to redeem and set them at liberty; the ransom set on them being so high, as is past their ability to pay: this Sir Geoffry, is said, in the Glastonbury-chronicle (*g*), together with Sir John Harleston, captain of Cherburg, in France, to have obtained a glorious victory over the French. We find, further, of this Sir Geoffry, that he was locum-tenens of the county of Kent, and keeper of the castle and town of Cherburg, in

(*a*) Ex Stem. Famil. per W. Ryley, Fecial delineat. & ex Autograph. penes Rob. Worsley, Bar. (*b*) Carta de conventionione inter Rich. Workesley, Dom. de Workesley, & Abbat de Whally, anno 1322. (*c*) Stem. Famil. prædict. in Offic. & Rot. Elic. in Offic. Lanc. post decess. Alicie Maffey, 19 Hen. VI. (*d*) Ex Infor. Jo. Worsley, de Pilewell Arm. (*e*) Hist. Ed. III. per Joh. Barnes. (*f*) Rot. Bar. 50 Ed. III. (*g*) Bib. Cotton Cleopatra, D. IV. Chron. Glastonb.

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in France, *inter protecciones* (a), 7 Ric. II. *pro Gab. de Workesley*, he left Ralph, his son and heir, who, marrying the daughter and heir of Pemberton, enjoyed the manor of Pemberton, near Wigan, in com. Lanc. and had there his principal seat or hall; he left Hugh, his son and heir, who married Anne, daughter of Ralph Standish, of Standish, in com. Lanc. Esq; and left William, his eldest son, and Sir James, his second son, who, being a page of the chamber to King Henry VII. he was, on King Henry VIIIth's accession to the crown, first made yeoman of the king's wardrobe; 4 Henry VIII. he was made keeper of the lions in the Tower, in which office, he succeeded John, earl of Oxford; 5 Henry VIII. he had a grant of the office of constable of the castle of Carebrook, in the isle of Wight, in reversion, for his life; 8 Henry VIII. he had a grant of the manor of Tarrant-Laueston, in com. Dorset. to him and the heirs-male of his body; and soon after, he was made captain, or governor of the isle of Wight, steward of the crown lands, and warden of the chase; and he had also a grant of an annuity of forty marks per ann. for his life; and having married Anne, the only surviving daughter and sole heir of Sir John Lye or Leigh, in com. Dorset. Knt. by Agnes, one of the daughters and coheirs of John Hacket, of Knighton, in the isle of Wight, Esq; he had with her, the said Anne, the manor of Apuldercombe, and divers other manors and lands; he had by her, two sons, Richard, and John, hereafter mentioned; and dying, 1538, was succeeded in the government of the said isle, by his son Richard, and by the then favourite, lord Cromwell, in the office of constable of Carebrook-castle. By his will, after many pious and charitable bequests, he gave to the king his best gold chain; to the lord Cromwell, then lord privy-seal, his largest standing cup, and to eight other of his friends, to each a silver cup. Richard Worsley, on the attainder of the lord Cromwell, succeeded him in the office of constable of Carebrook, anno 1540 (b). The French being much superior to us at sea, had attempted our fleet, then in Portsmouth-harbour, but not being able to succeed in that attempt, they turned to St. Hellens, in the isle of Wight, which they intended to take, and to make that the seat of war, and to build forts there; but they were, by the people of the isle, and the conduct of their captain, Richard Worsley, soon drove back to their ships, with the loss of their general. The said Richard, held his commands, till the death of King Edward VI. when he was displaced by Queen Mary, for having been

(a) We find in the pedigree of this family, another Sir Geoffry Workesley, but as he lived 19 Hen. VI. about sixty years after these things said of Sir Geoffry, 48 Ed. III. and also that Sir Robert de Workesley, ancestor to the younger Sir Geoffry, was knight of the shire for the county of Lancaster, about the time when the first Sir Geoffry is spoken of; it appears from hence, that we are right in this account, (b) Godwin's Annals, 1545, and Stow's Ann.

(a) See account, p.

been active in promoting the reformation of religion. On the accession of Queen Elizabeth to the throne, he was restored to all his commands, and being well skill'd in military affairs, was (a) joined in commission with the lord Chidiocck Paulet, to fortify Portsmouth. He was after this, sent to fortify the isles of Guernsey (b) and Jersey, which were then threatned by the French: he married Ursula, daughter of John St. Barb, Esq; by whom he had two sons, John, and George, who were both unfortunately blown up by gunpowder, at Apuldercombe, in the porter's lodge, their mother being then newly remarried to the famous Sir Francis Walsingham, Knt.

Whereupon, anno 1567, John, younger son of Sir James, succeeded to his nephews: he built and endowed a free-school, at Godshill, as he had been directed by the will of the lady Worsley, his mother. He married Jane, daughter of Richard Meaux, of Kingston, in the isle of Wight, Esq; and dying 1580, left two sons, under age; John, the younger, died in his minority, and the wardship of Thomas, heir to John, was committed to Sir Francis Walsingham, under whose tuition he was so well educated, that he became an honour to his country: he married Barbara, daughter of William St. John, of Farley, in com. Southton, Esq; and dying 1604, left Richard, his heir, and John, his second son, to whom he bequeathed the manor of Gatecomb, in the said isle, which John, by Cicely, daughter of Sir Edward Richards, of Yaverland, Knt. was father to Sir Edward Worsley, Knt. (c) who, loyally, and with great hazard of his life, attempted the delivering of King Charles I. from his imprisonment, in the isle of Wight, and from him descend the Worsleys, of Gatecomb.

Richard, son and heir of Thomas, was created a baronet, by letters patent, 9 Jac. I. He married Frances, daughter of Sir Henry Nevill, of Billingbare, in com. Berks. Knt. and dying 1622, left issue by her, four sons, and three daughters; 1. Sir Henry, his successor. 2. Richard. 3. Thomas. 4. John: Richard and John, both died unmarried. Thomas, married Sarah, daughter of — Roe, in com. Salop. from whom the Worsleys, of Pitford, are descended. Anne, the eldest daughter, married to Sir John Leigh, of Bury, in com. Suffolk. Knt. and died without issue. Elizabeth, married to Sir John Meaux, of Kingston, Bart. 3. Dorothy, died unmarried.

Sir Henry Worsley, Bart. succeeding his father, married Bridget, daughter of Sir Henry Wallop, of Fairley-Wallop, in com. Southton. Knt. and dying, Sept. 11, 1666, left issue three sons, and six daughters; 1. Henry, who died young. 2. Sir Robert, knighted at Whitehall, Dec. 29, 1664 (d), who succeeded his father.

(a) Strype's Ann. of Eliz.
count, postea,

(b) Ibid, 2 Eliz.

(d) Le Neve's MSS. vol. I. p. 57.

(c) See Firebrace's ac-

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father. 3. Sir James Worsley (*a*), of Pilewell, knighted at Whitehall, April 19, 1669 (*b*), who, marrying Mary, daughter of Sir Nicholas Stuart, of Hartley-Maudit, in com. Southton, Bart. left issue two sons, and one daughter; 1. James Worsley, of Pilewell, Esq; now one of the representatives for the borough of Newton, in the isle of Wight, which borough, he has had the honour of representing in nine parliaments: he married Rachel, daughter of Thomas Merrick, Esq; by whom he had several children, but only one now surviving, named Thomas; 2. Charles, who was a bencher of the Middle-Temple, and died unmarried, Aug. 1739, and was buried in St. Paul's cathedral: the daughter of Sir James, was Sandys, married to Peter Bettefworth, of Brockenhurft, in com. Southton. Esq; Of the daughters of Sir Henry, one was married to John Williams, of Luel, in com. Dorset. Esq; and Jane, married to Sir George Brown, of Woolverton, in com. Southton. Knt. the rest died unmarried.

Sir Robert Worsley, Knt. and Bart. succeeded his father, Sir Henry, and married Mary, daughter of James Herbert, of Kingsley, in com. Bucks, Esq; second son of Philip, earl of Pembroke; and dying 1675, left issue, Sir Robert, his successor, and Henry, who, 13 Annæ, was sent envoy to the court of Portugal, and was continued in the same character by King George I. by whom he was made plenipotentiary at the same court, and was afterwards governor of Barbadoes; he served in several parliaments, for the borough of Newton, in the isle of Wight, and died unmarried, March, 1739-40. Sir Robert, had also a daughter, Jane, who was married to Sir Nathaniel Napier, of Critchell, in com. Dorset. Bart. and died without issue.

Sir Robert Worsley, the present baronet, married Frances, only daughter of Thomas, the late viscount Weymouth, by whom he had issue, four sons (*c*), and five daughters; of whom, two only are now living, the others dying young and unmarried: Frances, his daughter, married to John, lord Carteret, by whom she has one

(*a*) Ex infor. Ja. Worsley, de Pilewell, Arm. (*b*) Le Neve's MSS. vol. I. p. 57. (*c*) In St. John's College-chapel, Cambridge, is the following inscription for the eldest son.

Robertus Worsley, Ar. Filius & Hæres apparens Roberti Worsley, de Applederscomb, in insulâ Vecte, in com. Southton. Baronetti, ex Franciscâ Conjuge filia præhonorabilis Thomæ Thynn, Vice Comitæ de Weymouth, unica susceptus: illustrissimæque adeo Præcipue hujus Collegii fundatrice prognatus.

Obiit 2do Die Martii,
Anno Dom. 1714. Ætatis 19^o.

Si qualis fuerit rogas, ex subscriptis discæ;
Cui mens labe vacans, legi cui consona Vita,
Pectora perfidiæ nescia, Lingua doli.

On a grave-stone on the floor:
Depositum Roberti Worsley, Ar. 1714.

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one son, Robert, and four daughters: Grace, the eldest, married to Lionel, earl of Dysert; Louisa, married to the present lord viscount Weymouth. 3. Georgina-Carolina, married to John Spencer, Esq; brother to the present duke of Marlborough. 4. Frances, yet unmarried. Thynne Worsley, Esq; the only surviving son of Sir Robert, is as yet unmarried.

ARMS: Quarterly, 1 and 4, Argent, a Chief, Gules; 2 and 3, Argent, a Chevron, between three Falcons, close, (tho' by the foregoing account, they were three Choughs,) Sable.

CREST: On a Wreath, a Wolf's Head eraz'd, Or.

SEATS: At *Apuldercombe*, in the *Isle of Wight*, and at *Chilton-Condover*, in *Hampshire*.

19. FLEETWOOD, of Calwiche, Staffordshire,

(RICHARD, ESQUIRE,)

Created BARONET, June 29, 1611.

THIS family, which had been seated in Lancashire, for many ages, came, about the beginning of the last century, to reside in the county of Stafford.

John Fleetwood, was lord of the manor of Plumpton-Parva, in com. Lanc. temp. Ed. III. He was father of Henry, and Anne, married to John Ethalston, of Ribbleston. Henry, the only son and heir, was living 3 Hen. VI. whose son, Edward, living 13 Ed. IV. married Elizabeth, daughter of Roger Holland, Esq; and was father of,

William Fleetwood, of Heskith, in com. Lanc. Esq; who married Helen, daughter of Robert Standish, Esq; by whom he had four sons; 1. John. 2. Thomas. 3. Robert; and 4. Edmund, a monk, at Sion in Middlesex; and two daughters, Agnes, married to John Jellibrand, of Chorley; and Jonet, to John Blackledge, of Leyland, both in com. Lanc. Of the sons, John, the eldest, will be mentioned hereafter: and as several considerable men descended from the younger sons, we shall here insert some particulars concerning them. Thomas, the second son, was master of the Mint; he married two wives; 1. Barbara, daughter and heir of —, by whom he had a son, Everard, who, by Joan, daughter of — Cheney, left issue; and a daughter, Margaret, married to Peter Dormer, Esq; father of Sir Fleetwood Dormer, of Shipton-Lee, in com. Bucks, Knt. The second wife of Thomas, was Bridget, daughter of Sir John Spring, of Lavenham, in Suffolk, Knt. (who afterwards married

O Sir

Sir Robert Wingfield, of Letheringham, in Suffolk, Knt.) by whom he had, 1. Sir William Fleetwood, of Cranford, in Middlesex, Knt. receiver of the court of wards, of whom hereafter, 2. Edward. 3. Michael. 4. Henry. 5. Sir George Fleetwood, of the Vache, in Chalfunt St. Giles's, in Bucks, Knt. who by Catherine (*a*), daughter of Henry Denny, of Cheshunt, in Hertfordshire, Esq; (and Honora, his wife, daughter of William, lord Grey, of Wilton) and sister to Sir Edward Denny, earl of Norwich, had a numerous issue; ' James, his seventh son, was ' admitted scholar of King's-college, Cambridge, 1622 (*b*), afterwards, he became chaplain to Dr. Wright, bishop of Litchfield, ' by whom he was preferred to the vicarage of Prees, in Shropshire, and soon after, collated to the prebendship of Eccleshall, ' belonging to the church of Litchfield, but before he was admitted or installed, the rebellion broke out. Afterwards, being ' forced for his loyalty to forsake his preferment, he betook himself to the wars, and became chaplain to the regiment of John, ' earl of Rivers, and in the quality of a chaplain, he continued to the end of the wars. In 1642, he was, by the king's special command, honoured with the degree of doctor of divinity, for the service he did him at Edgehill fight, and soon after, was ' made chaplain to Charles, prince of Wales, and rector of Sutton-Colfield, in com. Warw. after the wars were ceased, and he ' ejected thence, he became tutor to three earls, viz. to the earl of Litchfield, earl of Kildare, and earl of Sterling: afterwards, ' to two dukes, namely, to Esme, duke of Richmond and Lennox, with whom he travelled into France (where he died) and ' to Charles, who succeeded him in his dukedoms. After the restoration of King Charles II. he was the first that was sworn ' chaplain in ordinary to him, was made provost of King's-college, Cambridge, in June 1660, and about that time, rector of ' Anstey, in Hertfordshire, and of Denham, in Bucks. In July, ' 1675 (*c*), he was appointed bishop of Worcester; and died July ' 17, 1683, æt. 81, and was buried in Worcester-cathedral; ' over whose grave is a marble monument, with the following ' epitaph of his own making:

M.

S.

Epitaphium hoc vivus vidensque scripsi.

Ponant quorum intererit.

Ego Ja. Fleetwood, S. T. P. Cathed. Wigorn. Episcopus nonagesimus, miserrimus Peccatorum. Hic jaceo qui dignissimus in aeternum jacerem, sed Misericordia Domini gratiam consecutus sum,

Quo mihi nobilitas fucata? Hoc gloriior unum,

Quod Christus de carne mea est. Proinde.

Nemo

(*a*) Chauncy's Hertfordshire, p. 298.
F. ft., p. 30.

(*b*) Wood's Athenæ Oxon., vol. II.
(*c*) Le Neve's fasti, p. 300.

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Nemo ne lacrymis decoret, me Vindice Christo
 Incolumen renovet patefacti fossa Sepulchri
 Mox Cœli tentabo vias, Christumque supernè
 Vivus Carne mea viventem in Carne videbo. Vixi. Dixi.

Johannes Fleetwood, Archidiaconus Wigorniensis,
 Filius prædicti Præfultis natu minimus, Epigraphen
 hanc poni curavit. In Memoriam Reverendi ad-
 modum Patris, qui vitam cum morte mutavit Julii
 17, Ætatis suæ octogesimo primo Anno Consecra-
 tionis 8vo Salutis humanæ reparatæ, Anno 1683. (a)

Of the daughters of Thomas, master of the mint, Bridget, the eldest,
 married Laurence Ashburnham, Esq; father of Sir Denny Ash-
 burnham, of Bromham, in Suffex, Bart. and Joyce, was wife,
 first, to Sir Hewit Osborne, Knt. (b) (ancestor to the duke of
 Leeds) and secondly, to Sir Peter Frechville, of Stavely, in com.
 Derb. Knt.

Sir William Fleetwood, of Cranford, Knt. eldest son of Tho-
 mas, master of the Mint, married Joan, sister to the lord Clifton,
 by whom he had, Miles Fleetwood, Esq; receiver of the court of
 wards; and Sir William Fleetwood, cup-bearer to King James I.
 and King Charles I. and comptroller of Woodstock-park, who
 married two wives; by his first wife, he had Sir Miles Fleet-
 wood, of Aldwinkle, in com. Northton. Knt. and colonel Wil-
 liam Fleetwood; and by his second wife, the daughter of—Har-
 vey, he had several sons; of which, Charles Fleetwood, Esq; was
 the eldest, and commonly called, lord Fleetwood; he was gene-
 ral, and commander in chief to Richard Cromwell, the protector,
 and married to his first wife, the daughter of Oliver Cromwell,
 the protector, and widow of general Ireton, by whom he had no
 issue; this general Fleetwood, my lord Clarendon says (c), 'was
 'a weak man, but very popular, with all the praying part of the
 'army; a man, whom the parliament would have trusted, if
 'they had not resolved to have no general, being as confident of
 'his fidelity to them, as of any man's, and Lambert knew well
 'he could govern him, as Cromwell had done Fairfax, and then,
 'in the like manner, lay him aside; and when any intelligence
 'was brought of any murmur among the soldiers, by which a
 'revolt might ensue, and he was desired to go amongst them,
 'to confirm them, he would fall on his knees to prayers, and
 'could hardly be prevailed on to go to them. And when he was
 'amongst them, and in the middle of any discourse, he would
 'invite them all to prayers, and put himself upon his knees be-
 'fore them: and when some of his friends importuned him to
 'appear more vigorous in the charge he had, without which
 O 2 'they

(a) Browne Willis's Survey of cathedrals, vol. I. p. 653. (b) Collins's peerage of
 England, vol. I. p. 96. (c) Hist. Rebel. 8vo edit. vol. VI. p. 692.

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' they must all be destroy'd, they could get no other answer from him, than, "That God had spit in his face, and would not hear him." So that men ceased to wonder, why Lambert had preferr'd him to the office of general, and had been content with the second command for himself (a). This general Fleetwood, married to his second wife, Frances, daughter of Solomon Smith, of Norfolk, Esq; (b) and left issue, Smith Fleetwood, of Feltwell, in Norfolk, Esq; who married Mary, daughter of Sir John Har-topp, Bart. and had two sons, Smith Fleetwood, and Charles Fleetwood, Esqrs.

George Fleetwood, another son of Sir William, receiver of the court of wards, and brother to Sir William, the cup-bearer, went into Sweden, was a famous general there, and was created a baron, and was father of Gustavus, lord Fleetwood, in Sweden.

Robert, the third son of William, by the daughter of Standish, was father of Sir William Fleetwood, Knt. an eminent lawyer of the Middle Temple, recorder of London, and serjeant at law, temp. Eliz. (c) He was a learned man, and a good antiquary, but of a marvellous, merry, and pleasant conceit: he purchased an estate at Missenden, in com. Bucks. and dying, 1593, left two sons; Sir William, who succeeded him in the estate at Missenden, ancestor to those of that place, and Sir Thomas, who was attorney-general to Prince Henry, eldest son of King James I. also two daughters, Cordelia, married to Sir David Foulis, of Ingleby, in com. Ebor. Bart. and Elizabeth, to Sir Thomas Chaloner, Knt. tutor to prince Henry.

But to return from this digression, to the elder branch.

John Fleetwood, Esq; the eldest son of William, by the daughter of Standish, was seated at Penwortham (d), near Preston, in Lancashire, and having married Jane, daughter and coheir of Thomas Langton, Esq; baron of Walton, and lord of the fee and manor of Newton, became possessed of that lordship, and had issue, three sons, and several daughters.

Thomas, the eldest son, by Mary, daughter of Sir Richard Shirburne, of Shirburne, in com. Lanc. Knt. (and Maud, his wife, daughter of Sir Richard Bold, of Bold, Knt. and Margery, his wife, daughter of Sir Thomas Butler, of Beaufey, both in the county of Lancaster, Knts.) left issue, Richard, his son and heir, and William, who married Dorothy, daughter of Sir Edward Cokaine, of Ashborne, in Derbyshire, Knt.

Which Richard, the eldest son, was the first that resided in Staffordshire, and was seated at Calwiche: he was advanced to the

(a) Ibid. p. 795.

(b) Blomefield's Norfolk, vol. I. p. 500.

(c) Wood's

Athenæ, vol. I. p. 261.

(d) There's a family of the Fleetwoods, who have resided at Penwortham many years, in great reputation, and enjoy'd a very considerable estate, of which, Henry Fleetwood, Esq; is the present possessor.

the dignity of a baronet, 9 Jac. I. and married Anne, daughter of Sir John Perfhall, of Horley, in that county, Bart. by whom he had five sons; 1. Sir Thomas, his successor; 2. Richard, who died without issue; 3. William, living 1663; 4. Robert, who married a daughter of Mr. Colman, of Cank, in Staffordshire; and 5. Henry, who married Agatha, daughter of Thomas Gifford, of Plardick, in com. Staff. and died 1689, and his wife, Agatha, 1692. The daughters of Sir Richard, were, Mary, who died S. P. Elizabeth, married to Broughton, and Dorothy, to Barnesfield.

Sir Thomas Fleetwood, Bart. the eldest son, succeeded his father in title and estate, and marrying Gertrude, daughter of Rowland Eyre, of Haslop, in com. Derb. Esq; had issue, 1. Sir Richard, his successor; 2. Thomas, (who had two wives; by the first, Elizabeth, daughter of — Coyney, Esq; he had, Sir Thomas, hereafter mentioned; and by his second wife, two other sons, William, who died a batchelor, and Sir John, hereafter mentioned;) 3. Rowland, of Prestwood, in Ellaston parish, in com. Staff. who died S. P. and left his estate to his nephew, Sir John, hereafter mentioned; 4. William, who married a daughter of the baron of Kinderton, and relict of — Pigot, of Salop, Esq; also one daughter Anne, married to Edward Tildesley, of the Lodge, in com. Lanc. Esq;

Sir Richard, the eldest son, succeeded to the title and estate, and by Anne (a), daughter of Sir Edward Golding, of Colston-Basset, in com. Nottingham, Bart. had three sons; 1. Thomas, who died in his father's life-time, and by the daughter and heir of Christopher Bannister, of Bank, in com. Lanc. Esq; was father of one daughter, wife to Thomas Legh, Esq; younger brother to Peter Legh, of Lyme, in Cheshire, Esq; 2. Rowland, and 3. Edward, who both died unmarried: also five daughters.

Sir Richard Fleetwood, Bart. leaving no issue-male, the title devolv'd on his nephew, Sir Thomas Fleetwood, Bart. son of his brother Thomas, by Elizabeth, daughter of — Coyney, Esq; his first wife.

Which Sir Thomas Fleetwood, Bart. married Magdalen, daughter of Thomas Berrington, of Mott-hall, in Salop, Esq; and dying without issue, Dec. 1739, was interr'd at New-church, in Cheshire, and was succeeded by his half-brother,

Sir John Fleetwood, the present baronet, who married Mrs. Berrington, of Shrewsbury, niece to his brother's lady, and has issue.

ARMS: Party per Pale, Nebule, Or, and Azure, six Martlets counterchang'd.

CREST: A Wolf trippant, regardant, Or, wounded in the Shoulder, proper.

SEAT: At *Martin-Sands*, in *Cheshire*.

(a) Dugdale's visit. of Not. fo. 6.

20. SPENCER, of Yarnton, Oxfordshire.

(THOMAS, ESQUIRE,)

Created BARONET, June 29, 1611.

CONCERNING the original of this family, our genealogists give no account: yet, that it was of noble degree in Normandy, before the conquest, is not to be doubted, since Robert Despencer, was steward to William, the conqueror, and one of his barons, as is fully manifest from authentic records. Also that his posterity were denominated from the said office, of Despencer, (*i. e.* Steward,) is testified by the learned Camden^(a), in his discourse on surnames, who mentions the Spencers, to be descended from the Despencers; the De, (when surnames were fully introduced) being omitted for brevity, as by innumerable instances in other families might be proved.

The said Robert Despencer, had, by gift from the conqueror, the following manors, which he held at the time of the general survey, viz. Merston, Leth, Filingeli, and Bertanstone, in Warwickshire; Tozintone, Scrivelsby, Wilgesbi, Endrebi, Partenai, Butide, Tadewelle, Tulestone, Rocstone, Cuningesbie, Meringhe, Herdertorp, Stepinge, Langetone, and Holtham, in Lincolnshire; Legre, Torp, Redeclive, Cuningestone, Odestone, Esmoditone, Chibarde, Norton, Wicote, Stantone, Sucowe, Sacrestone, Snarchstone, Flechene, Wistanefton, Tilestone, and Sumerdeberie, in Leicestershire; and Wicvene, in Grelestane-hundred, in Gloucestershire^(b).

He was brother to the earl of Montgomery^(c), and to Urfo de Abetot, hereditary sheriff of Worcestershire, soon after the conquest; who, in some records, is called Urfo de Worcestre, as being constable of the castle of Worcester, and held, at the time of the general survey, twenty lordships, which descended to Walter de Beauchamp, (a great baron,) who married Emeline, his only child.

The aforesaid Robert Despencer, is mentioned among the bishops and barons, assembled in council with King William, the conqueror, in London, A. D. 1082, in the seventeenth year of his reign; at which time they set their hands and seals to the charter of William de Carilepho, bishop of Durham, which sets forth, that the church of Durham, being neglected, and by the barbarity

^(a) Camden's remains, 8vo. p. 193.^(b) Collins's Peerage of England, vol. II, p. 219.^(c) Doomday-book, in *ibid.* com.

barbarity of sacrilegious persons, neither monks or canons left therein; he does thereupon determine to bring the monks from Weremath and Girwe: and also that the liberties of the church of Durham, with the lands (therein particularly mention'd) should be preserv'd inviolable for ever, laying this anathema on the violators, That all or any persons, who shall presume to prophane this charter, or change any thing therein, unless for the better, by the authority of the prince of the apostles, I deprive them of the society of the lord, the aforesaid pope Gregory, and the church; and reserve them by the judgment of God, to be punished by everlasting fire, with the devil and his angels. Amen.

In the next year, he was witness to a charter of the king's, dated at Westminster, in council, for removing the secular canons out of the same church, and placing monks in their stead; to which act, the bishops and barons, at that time, likewise set their hands and seals. He was afterwards witness to a grant of the same king, of the whole city of Bath, with the coinage and toll thereto belonging, to John, bishop of Bath, and his successors, for the better support of his see.

The monks of Worcester, have recorded this Robert Despencer, for a very powerful man, and that he took the lordship of Elmeleigh from them, which they could never after regain. He was succeeded by,

William le Despencer, (or Steward) to King Henry I. possessor of the manor of Elington. After whom, was Thurstan le Despencer, steward to the same king; of which Thurstan, Mr. Camden (relating wise speeches of King Henry I.) gives an account from the old historian (Gualterus Mapes *de Nugis Curialium*) that Thurstan, the king's steward, or le Despencer (as he was then called) exhibiting to the king a complaint against Adam of Yarmouth, clerk of the signet, for that he refused to sign, without fee, a bill passed for him: that prince thereupon hearing the difference, reconciled them, making this speech; *Officers of the court must gratify, and shew a cast of their office, not only one to another, but also to all strangers, whensoever need shall require.* This Thurstan had, as I take it from records, four sons; 1. Walter, lord of Stanley, usher of the chamber to King Henry II. who died without issue. 2. Almarick, whose issue failed, about temp. Hen. III. 3. Hugh, and 4. Geffry, of whom hereafter; from Hugh, descended the great barons Despencer; of whom, Thomas, (called Thomas, lord Despencer and Morganock) was created earl of Gloucester, by King Rich. II. and exhibiting his petition to the parliament, anno 21 Richard II. for revocation of the judgment of exile, against his great-grandfather, Hugh le Despencer, had it granted (a).

(a) Rot. Parl. 21 Ric. II. N. 25.

In which petition it appears (*a*), that the said Hugh was then possessed of, no less than fifty-nine lordships, in sundry counties, 28000 sheep, 1000 oxen and steers, 1200 kine, with their calves, 40 mares, with their colts of two years, 160 drawing-horses, 2000 hogs, 3000 bullocks, forty tun of wine, 600 bacons, 80 carcases of Martinmas-beef, 600 muttons in his larder, ten tuns of cider; armour, plate, jewels, and ready money, better than 10000*l*. 36 sacks of wool, and a library of books.

This earl, took to wife Constance, daughter of Edmund, of Langley, duke of York, son to King Edward III. by whom he left one son, called Richard, who died at fourteen years of age; and a daughter, Isabel, who was wife, first, to Richard Beauchamp, lord Bergavenny, and afterwards, earl of Worcester; but surviving him, without issue, married, secondly, to Richard Beauchamp, earl of Warwick, by whom she was mother to Henry, duke of Warwick, who died without issue-male.

I now return to Geffry, the fourth and youngest son of Thurstan, brother of Hugh; which Geffry, was the first founder of Marlow-abbey (*b*), in com. Bucks, and is a witness to King Henry II's confirmation of lands, to Bungey-abbey, in com. Suff. dated in the nineteenth year of his reign; which king, among other grants, confirms that of Geffry Despencer, of the church of Boynton, to Bridlington-priory, in com. Ebor. He died, anno 26 Henry III. (1251) leaving issue, John, his son and heir, under age, whose guardianship was granted to Emma, his mother.

Which John, was of full age, anno 40 Henry III. at which time, being still'd son of Geffry, and holding 60*l*. per annum, land, in com. Leic. and 15*l*. in com. Southamp. he was called to receive the honour of knighthood. In 41 Henry III. 1256, pope Alexander directs his bull to the bishop of Salisbury, wherein he sets forth, that John Despencer, by petition, prays, that he may build a chapel, and have a chaplain, in his manor of Swalefield, which he is ready to endow, his said manor lying in a forest, in which he lived; and that it was unsafe for him and his family to go the mother-church, by reason many thieves harboured in the said forest; which matter, the pope refers to the said bishop to determine.

This John, with Adam Despencer, and others of his family, took part with the barons in their wars against King Henry III. (*c*) and were both taken prisoners at the battle of Northampton; on which account, the manors of the said John, viz. Castle-Carlton, and Cavenby, in com. Linc. which he held in right of his wife, were extended by the king; but when the barons had taken that prince prisoner, the said John and Adam, by mutual agreement, were

(*a*) Collins's Peerage, vol. II. p. 223.

(*b*) Dugdale's Mon. Ang. vol. I. p. 449.

(*c*) Collins's Peerage, vol. II. p. 224.

were released: for by the king's writ to Robert de Mortimer, dated 4 June, 1264, he was ordered to bring them, among other prisoners, (taken in April last, at Northampton fight) to London, in order to their being set at liberty. He died before 3 Ed. I. for by inquisition taken that year, at Gertre, in com. Leic. (a) he is found to die possessed of the manor of Beransby, and the moiety of Wigan de la Mare, with several other lands; as also the hundred of Beaumaner, held of Hugh Despencer, in socage, paying annually a pair of gilt spurs, price 6d. and of the house and park there, worth yearly 6s. 8d. Likewise by another inquisition, dated the same year, taken at his manor of Martely, in com. Wigorn. he is said to die possessed of that manor, with the advowson of the church, held in chief of the king, which his father had by gift of King Henry. He had also restitution of his manors of Castle-Carlton, and Cavenby; for by two several inquisitions, the same year, he is said to die possessed of them, in right of his wife, Joan; but having no issue of her body alive, he held them only by the courtesy of England; and John de Merieth enter'd on the same, as his right, by the death of Joan, daughter of Robert de Lou, late wife of the said John Despencer, cousin of the aforesaid John de Merieth, whose heir he is, and at that time thirty years old.

This Sir John Despencer had another wife, and left issue, William le Despencer, his son and heir, still'd of Belton, and one of the jury on an inquisition, taken at Bredon, 8 June, 34 Ed. I. concerning the right of electing a prioress of Langley, in com. Leic. He resided at Defford, in com. Wigorn, and died possessed thereof, about 3 Ed. III. as appears by an inquisition taken at Pershore, which likewise shews, that John was his son and heir, and of full age.

Which John, was in the retinue of John, king of Castile (b), in his voyage to Spain, and on that account, had the king's letters of protection for one year, bearing date, 6 March, 1386, (9 Rich. II.) He was afterwards esquire of the body to King Henry V. also keeper of his great Wardrobe; and attending him in his warlike expeditions, was with him at the siege of Roan. He had issue by Alice, his wife, (daughter and heir of — De-verell) Nicholas, his son and heir;

Who, by Joan, his wife, daughter of — Pollard, had issue two sons, Thomas, and William.

Which Thomas, was father of Henry Spencer, of Badby, in com. Northampton. Esq; as appears by a receipt, dated anno 13 Hen. VI. for subsidies then paid to that king.

Which Henry, took to wife Isabel, daughter and coheir of — Lincoln, from whom proceeded four sons, John, Thomas, William,

(a) Collins's Peerage, vol. II. p. 225.

(b) Rymer's Foed. vol. VII. p. 500.

William, and Nicholas; and died about 17 Ed. IV. his last will and testament bearing date, anno 1476, wherein he appoints his sons, John, and Thomas, executors, and Isabel, his wife, overseer (a). The seal affixed, were the arms the family now bear, viz. Quarterly, in the first and third, a Frett; over all, on a Bend, three Escallops. He was succeeded by his eldest son,

John Spencer, Esq; who is mentioned in several deeds of feoffment, with Sir Edward Rawleigh, of Farneborough, in com. Warw. Knt. and others; particularly in 13 and 19 Edward IV. when he sealed with the arms of his mother and wife together, being both heiresses; viz. on a Cross, five stars, with six Points (his mother's;) and a Cheveron between three Cinquoils, his wife's, who was daughter and heir of — Warsted; by whom he had three sons; 1. William, hereafter mentioned. 2. John Spencer, of Hodnell, in com. Warw. Esq; who died anno 12 Henry VII. and held lands in eighteen several lordships; as appears by his last will and testament, by which he appoints his body to be buried in the chancel of the parish church of Hodenhull, and constitutes his nephew, John Spencer, of Snitterfield, Esq; son of his brother William, one of his executors; entailing his lands on him, in default of issue-male, of his son Thomas; and in default of issue of him, the said John, to the heirs-male of Thomas, his late brother.

Which Thomas, (third and youngest son) had issue, William, who had the estate at Badby, in com. Northampton. whose son, Thomas Spencer, Esq; was of Everton, in Northamptonshire: he married Dorothy, daughter of Sir William Spencer, Knt. by whom he had a son, William, that married Elizabeth; daughter of Milney, and died without issue, and four daughters, his co-heirs, viz. Dorothy, married, first, to George Cope, of Canon's-Ashby, Esq; and secondly, to Gabriel Pulteney, of Misterton, in com. Leicest. Esq; Susanna, to John Temple, of Stow, in Bucks, Esq; (ancestor to the lord viscount Cobham.) Mary, to Richard Wallop, Esq; son of Sir Oliver Wallop, in com. South-ton. Knt. and Catherine, to Thomas Browne, Esq; This Thomas, lies buried in the south isle of Everdon-church, in Northamptonshire, with the following inscription over him: (b)

Here lye the Bodies of Thomas Spencer, and Dorothy, his Wife, daughter of Sir William Spencer, Knt. who had issue between them, five sons, and seven Daughters, (viz.) Thomas, Anthony, William, John, and George — Ursula, Ursula, Dorothy, Susanna, Mary, Elizabeth, and Catherine; whereof seven died Infants, unmarried, and five were married, (viz.) William, to Elizabeth Milney — and Dorothy, first, to George Cope, Esquier, and after,

(a) Collins's Peerage, vol. II. p. 226.

(b) Bridges's Northampt. p. 56.

to Gabriel Pulteney, Esquier—Sufanna, to John Temple, Esquier—Mary, to Richard Wallop, Esquier—and Catherine, to Thomas Browne, Esquier—and the said Thomas Spencer died the 17th Day of August, Anno Domini 1576; and the said Dorothy dyed the 14th Day of September, Anno Domini 1575.

MD. That the said William Spencer, beinge dead without Issue, the said Sufanna Temple, one of the four Daughters and Coheirs of the said Thomas Spencer, at her only Charge, caused this Monument to be set up, the — Day of — 1606.

William Spencer, Esq; eldest son and heir of John, was seated at Rodburne, in com. Warw. anno 1 Henry VII. (an estate forfeited to the crown by the attainder of William Catesby, Esq;) and having married Elizabeth, sister to Sir Richard Empson, Knt. had issue a daughter, Jane, and two sons, John, and Thomas, who were living, anno 2 Henry VII.

John Spencer, eldest son, was denominated of Snitterfield, in com. Warw. having acquired that estate in right of his wife, Isabel, one of the daughters and coheirs of Walter Graunt, Esq; and in 2 Hen. VII. being wrote of that place, was one of the executors to his cousin, John Spencer, of Hodenhull. On the 3d of September, 22 Hen. VII. he purchased the great lordship of Wormleighton, in com. Warw. and soon after, began the structure of a fair manor-house there (a), in which (when inquisitions were taken concerning wastes, and inclosures of lands, in the 9 and 10 Henry VIII.) he was certified to have his residence, with sixty persons of his family; being a good benefactor to the church, in ornaments, and other things. He was knighted by King Henry VIII. and by his last will and testament, it appears, that he was possessed of a very great estate, was a noble house-keeper, had a great reverence for the clergy, was very liberal to his poor neighbours, as also bountiful to his tenants and servants. He, in a manner, rebuilt the churches of Wormleighton, in com. Warw. and Brinton, and Stanton, in com. Northampton. and gave thereto vestments and chalices; and his other bequests to religious houses, and for reparations of churches, are very numerous, as are also his charities to his servants, and others; whereby 'tis evident, that he had a noble spirit, temper'd with the greatest humanity: he likewise was so honest and just, and of so pious a disposition (b), 'That he requires his executors to recompence every one that can lawfully prove, or will make oath, that he has hurt him in any wise, so that they make their claim within two years, tho' (as is recited) he has none in his remembrance; but

(a) Collins's Peerage, vol. II. p. 226. (b) Ibid. p. 227.

‘ but he had rather charge their souls, than his own should be in danger: and requires his executors to cause proclamation thereof to be made, once a month, during the first year after his decease, at Warwick, Southampton, Coventry, Banbury, Daventry, and Northampton.’

By this testament, which is dated the 12th of April, 1522, in 13 Henry VIII. ‘ He bequeaths his body to be buried in the chancel of Brinton-church, in com. Northampton. before the image of our blessed lady, and that his executors cause a tomb to be made, as nigh the wall as they can, behind the sepulture.’

He lies buried, according to his appointment, in the church of Brinton, in com. Northampton. as appears by a monument now remaining, on the north side of the south chancel, shewing the figures of a knight in armour, and his lady, in the dress of the times, lying on their backs, under an arch of freestone, curiously adorn’d with carvings. At his feet, against the wall, is this inscription in capitals, setting forth his marriage and issue.

‘ Here lieth the Bodies of Sir John Spencer, Knt. and Dame Isabel, his Wife, one of the Daughters and Coheires of Walter Graunt, of Snitterfield, in the Countie of Warw. Esquier. Her Mother was the Daughter and Heire of Humphrie Rudinge, of the Wich, in the Countie of Worcester, Esq; which John, and Isabel, had issu, Sir William Spencer, Knt. 1. Anthony Spencer, 2. who died without Issu. Jane, Wife to Richard Knightley, Esquier, Sone and Heire of Sir Richard Knightley, of Fawsley, in the Countie of North. Knight. Isabell, married to Sir Nich. Strelly, of Strelly, in the Countie of Nott. Knight. Dorothy, married to Sir Richard Catesby, of Legers-Ashbie, in the Countie of North. Knt. which Sir John Spencer, departed this Life, the 14th of April, Anno Domini 1522.’

The said Sir William Spencer, received the honour of knight-hood from King Henry VIII. at York-place, (now called Whitehall) A. D. 1529, the parliament then sitting; and two years after, viz. in 23 and 24 Henry VIII. was sheriff of Northamptonshire, during which he died (a). His last will bears date, the 17th of June, anno 24 Henry VIII. whereby he bequeaths his body to be buried at Brinton, in such manner as his executors should think fit; orders his father’s will to be comply’d with in every article not then performed. Appoints dame Susan, his wife, Sir Nicholas Strelly, Knt. Anthony Cope, Esq; Walter Smith, Esq; and two others, his executors, and that they take care

(a) Peerage, vol. II. p. 228.

care of John, his only son, then very young; and dying, five days after, viz. 22 June, lies buried according to his desire: for a fine altar-tomb, erected to his memory, is now standing against the north-east wall of the north chancel, or burial-place of this family, round the verge whereof, is this inscription, in old characters:

- Hic jacent Dominus Will'us Spencer Miles, &
- D'na Suzanna Uxor ejus, qui obiit xxii^o Die Me's
- Junii Anno D'ni Mill'imo cccccxxii. quorum
- A'tabus 'ppitietur Deus, Amen.

Over the said tomb, on a tablet under an arch, is likewise this:

- Here lieth the Bodies of Sir William Spencer,
- Knight, and Dame Susan, his Wyfe, Daughter
- of Sir Richad Knightley, of Fawley, in Comit.
- Northamp. Knight, and had issv by her, Sir
- John Spencer, Knt. there onlie Sonne; Isabel,
- married to Sir John Cotton, of Lanwade, in Com.
- Cam. Knight. Jane, Wife to Sir Rich. Bruges,
- of Shefford, in Com. Berk. Knight. Dorothy,
- married to Tho. Spencer, of Everton, in Com.
- Northamp. Esq; Anne, Wyfe to Sir John Good-
- win, of Winchington, in Com. Buck. Knight.
- Which Anne, died withowt issu. Marie, Wyfe
- to Tho. Boles, of Walington, in Com. Hertforde,
- Esquier. Which Sir William, died the xxii
- Daye of June, Anno Dom. 1532.

Sir John Spencer, aforesaid, was sheriff of Northamptonshire, anno 5 Edward VI. and elected one of the knights of the shire in parliament, for that county, in the fourth and fifth of Philip and Mary, (before which time, he had received the honour of knight-hood) and the year following, was again sheriff of that county, as also in 13 Eliz. And in the fifteenth year of the reign of that queen, was, by writ, appointed (with other justices of prime quality, in the county of Northampton,) a commissioner, to enquire after such persons, as acted contrary to an act of parliament, 1 Elizabeth, intituled, *An Act for the Uniformity of the Common-Prayer, and Service in the Church, and Administration of the Sacraments.* He was a great oeconomist, yet kept a plentiful table, according to the old English way, as is manifest from his last will and testament, bearing date, 4 Jan. 1585, wherein he orders hospitality to be kept in his houses, at Althorp, and Wormleighton, by his heir, after his decease, according as he had done; bestowing likewise several legacies on his servants. It also appears, that he delighted in retiredness, was an encourager of industry, and so much averse to an unactive life, that tho' he was possessed of a great estate, he employ'd his thoughts on husbandry, as of most profit and

and advantage to his country; for at his death, he had numerous flocks of sheep, and other cattle, in his grounds and parks of Althorp, and Wormleighton. He married Catherine, one of the daughters of Sir Thomas Kitson, of Hengrave, in Suffolk, Knt. and left great estates to four of his sons, who were heads of as many families.

Sir John Spencer, his eldest son, was ancestor to his grace the duke of Marlborough.

Thomas, his second son, built a fine house at Claverdon, in com. Warw. and for the hospitality he kept thereat, (says Sir William Dugdale) was the mirror of that county. He married Mary, eldest daughter of Henry Cheeke, Esq; and had issue only one daughter, Alice, married to Sir Thomas Lucy, of Cherlecote, in com. Warw. Knt. and dying, Nov. 1580, without issue-male, settled the manor of Claverdon (*inter alia*) upon Sir William Spencer, Bart. son and heir of Sir Thomas, son and heir of Sir William Spencer, of Yarnton, Bart. his brother; and a noble monument is erected in the church of Claverdon, to his memory.

Sir William Spencer, third son, was of Yarnton, in com. Oxon. of which branch we are now to treat.

The fourth son was, Sir Richard Spencer, of Offley, in com. Hertford. from whom those of the name in that county, are descended. Sir John, had also several daughters, viz. Margaret, married, first, to Giles Allington, of Horseheath, in com. Cantab. Esq; and secondly, to Edward Eldrington, Esq; Elizabeth, to George, lord Hunston. Catherine, to Sir Thomas Leigh, of Stonely, in com. Warw. Knt. Mary, wife to Sir Edward Aston, of Tixall, in com. Staff. Knt. Anne, married first to William, lord Montague, and secondly, to Henry, lord Compton, and thirdly, to Robert Sackville, son and heir to Thomas, lord Buckhurst. Alice, wife, first, of Ferdinando, earl of Derby, and secondly, of Sir Thomas Egerton, Knt. lord keeper.

This Sir John Spencer, in his last will afore said, requires his executors to bury him, in a decent manner, without pomp, (after the worldly fashion) in the church of Brinton, where his late wife, dame Catherine Spencer, lieth buried. Also that they give, before his burial, 40l. in alms, and cause a tomb, such as they think fit, to be placed where he, and his said wife lie buried. Accordingly, I find one, erected to his memory, neatly painted, gilt, and adorn'd with arms, (in the middle of two others) in the burial-place of this family, between the south-chancel, and north-chancel, representing under an arch of elegant workmanship, embellished with roses, lozenges, &c. of different colours, the proportions of a knight in armour, with his lady, in the habit of the times, lying on their backs, and their hands elevated; over them the atchievement of arms of the family; and at their feet,
against

against the wall, is this inscription, shewing his marriage and issue.

‘ Here lieth the Bodie of Sir John Spencer, Knight,
 ‘ who married Catherine, one of the Daughters of
 ‘ Sir Tho. Kitson, of Hengrave, in the Co. of Suff.
 ‘ Knight. Which John, and Cath. had Issue, Sir
 ‘ Jo. Spencer, Knight, 1. Thomas Spencer, of
 ‘ Claredon, in the Co. of War. Esq; 2. Sir Wil-
 ‘ liam Spencer, of Yarnton, in the Co. of Oxf.
 ‘ Knight, 3. Rich. Spencer, of Offley, in the Co.
 ‘ of Har. Esq; 4. Edw. Spencer, who died without
 ‘ Issue, 5. Margaret, married to Giles Allington,
 ‘ of Horsfeth, in the Count. of Camb. Esq; after
 ‘ married to Edward Eldrington, Esq; Elizabeth,
 ‘ married to George, lord Hunfdon. Catherine,
 ‘ married to Sir Thomas Leigh, of Stonlie, in the
 ‘ Countie of War. Knight. Marie, Wife to Sir Ed-
 ‘ ward Aston, of Tixall, in the Countie of Stafforde,
 ‘ Knight, which died without Issue. Anne, mar-
 ‘ ried to William, Lord Mountegle, who had noe
 ‘ Issue by him. After married to Henrye, Lord
 ‘ Compton; now Wife of Robert Sackville, Esq;
 ‘ Sonne and Heire of Thomas, Lord Buckhurst,
 ‘ High-Treasurer of England. Alice, married to
 ‘ Ferdinando, earle of Derby, now Wife of Sir
 ‘ Tho. Egerton, Knight, Lord-Keeper of the Great
 ‘ Seale of England. Which Sir John Spencer, de-
 ‘ parted this Life, the 8 Daie of Novemb. Anno
 ‘ Domini, 1586.

The said Sir William Spencer, Knt. (third son of Sir John) pos-
 sessed a fine estate (a) at Yarnton, in com. Oxon. and received
 the honour of knighthood from Queen Elizabeth, in the year
 1592: he married Margaret, daughter to Francis Bowyer, of
 Middlesex, Esq; by whom he had two sons, Thomas and George;
 and five daughters; Elizabeth, married to Sir Thomas Ruffel, of
 Strensham, in com. Wig. Knt. Catherine, to Sir Henry Moun-
 tagu, Knt. ancestor to the present duke of Manchester. Mary,
 to Sir Maximilian Dalyson, of Haling, in Kent. Knt. Alice,
 to Sir Thomas Colville, of Newton, in com. Cantab. Knt. and
 Margaret, wife to Sir John Woodward, of Evelham, in com.
 Wig. Knt. and died on the 18th of December, 1609, and lies
 buried with his lady, under a curious altar-monument, rais’d a-
 gainst the north wall, near the east window of the south chancel
 of the church of Yarnton, in com. Oxon. which is compos’d of
 different sorts of marble, and adorn’d with arms of war; as bat-
 tle-axes, swords, carbines standards, sheafs of arrows, &c. On
 the tomb, under an arch, lies the figure of a knight, on his back,
 compleatly

(a) E. Lib. NSS, A, Wood, in Museo Ashmol. Not. E, 143, p. 81, a, & 82 b.

completely arm'd, (excepting his head-piece) and his lady on his left hand, in the habit of the times. His head rests on a griffin's head, (his crest) and hers on a pillow, with their hands in a devout posture. The arch is supported by four pillars of the Corinthian order; and at the top, between two pyramids, is a shield of the quarterings of arms belonging to the family, viz. seven Coats. On the side of the tomb is a tablet, and two men kneeling on cushions, on the right side thereof; as also four women on the left: and another tablet under the arch, exhibits this inscription in gilt letters (a):

Syr William Spencer, Knight, Lord of this Manour, third Sonne
Of Sir John Spencer, of Althorp, in the Countie of Northampton, Knt.
Here resteth, with Margaret, his Wife, Daughter of
Francis Bowier, of Middlesex, Esquier, leaving Issue two Sonnes,
And five Daughters: They both, as they lived virtuously and
Laudibly, so, in assured Hope to live eternally in Christ,
Ended this transitory Life; he, the 18th of December, 1609;
She, the 19th of June, 1608.

On the tablet mention'd to be between the two men, and four women, is an inscription in capitals, setting forth their marriages and issue, viz.

‘ Syr Thomas Spencer, Sonne and Heir, married
‘ Margaret, Daughter of Richard Brainthwait, Ser-
‘ jeant at the Lawe; George Spencer, second
‘ Sonne; Elizabeth, eldest Daughter, Wyfe to Syr
‘ Thomas Russel, of Strensham, in the Countie of
‘ Worcester, Knight; Catherine, second Daughter,
‘ Wyfe to Syr Henry Mountague, Knight, the
‘ King's Serjeant at Lawe; Mary, third Daughter,
‘ Wyfe to Syr Maximilian Dalyson, of Haling, in
‘ the Countie of Kent, Knight; Alice, fourth
‘ Daughter, Wyfe to Syr Thomas Colvyle, of New-
‘ ton, in the Countie of Cambridge, Knight;
‘ Margaret, fifth Daughter, Wyfe to Syr John
‘ Woodward, of Evesham, in the Countie of Wor-
‘ cester, Knight.

Sir Thomas Spencer, beforementioned, (son and heir of Sir William) succeeding at Yarnton, was created a baronet, in the ninth year of the reign of King James I. also on the 24th of May (b), the year following, was honour'd with knighthood at Whitehall, with Sir Lyonel Talmach, Bart. He rebuilt (c) the tower, at the west end of Yarnton-church; as also a noble manor-house near the old one, by the said church. This Sir Thomas was famous in his time (d), for the great hospitality he kept there,

(a) Le Neve's Mon. Ang. vol. I. p. 22.
(c) MSS. a Wood, præd.

(d) Ibid.

(b) Philpot's Cat. of Knights, p. 50.

there, his charity to the poor, and other excellent qualities. He, having married Margaret, daughter of Richard Branthwait, Esq; serjeant at law, departed this life on the 16th of August, 1622, and was buried by his father. His lady, who survived him, was married, secondly, to Richard Butler, viscount Montgarret, and was buried at Yarnton, in the year 1655. By her first husband, she had issue five sons, and four daughters; 1. Sir William, successor to the title and estate. 2. John. 3. Thomas, (who both died without issue.) 4. Richard, who married Mrs. Anne Wagstaffe, neice to Sir Joseph, by whom he had two sons, and two daughters; first, Sir Thomas, hereafter mention'd, and second, Charles Spencer, of Lyons-Hall, in the county of Hereford, Esq; (who married Anne, daughter of Francis Pember, of Elson, in Herefordshire, Esq; by whom he had one son, Thomas, who left a son, Sir Charles, and four daughters.) The two daughters of Richard, were Mary, (married to — Richards, Esq;) and Gertrude, (first married to (a) John Crump, of Lugwardine, in com. Heref. and afterwards, to Essex Sherborne, of Pembridge, Esq;) The fifth son of Sir Thomas, was Edward, who died a bachelor. The four daughters of Sir Thomas, were Alice, Anne, Margaret, and Catherine.

Sir William Spencer, the eldest son, after he became a baronet, was (as his father had been) knighted by King Charles I. at (b) Oxford, 27 August, 1629, and succeeding to the estate of his great-uncle, Thomas Spencer, of Claverdon, in com. Warw. Esq; was thereby possessed of a very great inheritance. He took to wife Constance, eldest daughter of Sir Thomas Lucy, of Charlecote, in com. Warw. Knt. (who was, in second marriage, the wife of Sir Edward Smith, Knt.) and had issue a son, Sir Thomas Spencer, his successor; and a daughter, Alice, married to Francis Keyt, of Hidcot-Bertram, in the parish of Mickleton, in Gloucestershire, Esq; brother to Sir John Keyt, of Ebrington, in the same county, Bart.

Which Sir Thomas Spencer, Bart. took to wife Jane, daughter of Sir John Garrard, of Lamer, in com. Hertf. Bart. by whom he had nine children; three sons, Thomas, Thomas, who died infants; and William, who died, aged twenty-six; and six daughters, whereof two died very young; and four who surviv'd, became his coheirs, viz. Jane, married to Robert Spencer, lord viscount Tiveot, of Scotland; Constance, wife to George Marwood, Esq; only son of Sir Henry Marwood, of Little-Buskby, in Yorkshire, Bart. Elizabeth, wife, first, of Sir Samuel Gerard, of Brafferton, in com. Ebor. Knt. and secondly, of Francis Bassett, of Cornwall, Esq; and Catherine, married, first, to John Dormer,

(a) St. George's Visit. of Herefordshire, p. 58. (b) Philpot's Cat. p. 142.

Dormer, of Ascot, in Oxfordshire, Esq; and secondly (a), to the honourable George Mordaunt, Esq; brother to Charles, late earl of Peterborough; Sir Thomas, was buried with his ancestors, at Yarnton, under a noble and curious monument of white marble, erected to his memory, against the north wall of the south chancel. It represents the statues of seven persons, in full proportion, in modern dresses. His own figure stands on a pedestal, with his lady's on his right hand; the figure of his son is placed on his left; and on her right hand, sits a daughter, lamenting, and under her, another daughter. On the son's left hand is also a daughter, and under her, another, all weeping. Under Sir Thomas Spencer, is a tablet, representing the inscription hereafter mentioned; and on the right side of the tablet, under the statue of the first daughter, is another, kneeling, her hand reposed on a skull; and beneath her is another, praying, laying her hand on an hour-glass; and lower, is another. Over all, is a shield of the arms and quarterings of the family; and the inscription on the tablet is as follows:

Dedicated to the immortal Memory

Of
Sir Thomas Spencer als Spencer, Baronet, Lord of this Manor
Of Yarnton, who died the 6th of March, 1684-5, aged 46 Years;

And of

Dame Jane, his Wife (Daughter of Sir John Gerrard, of Lamer, in the County of Hartford, Bart.) who died the 30th of April, 1712, aged 74 Years, and of their nine Children, of which

Five died in his Life-time (viz.) Thomas, Thomas, Jane, Margaret, all Infants, and William, who lived to the age of 26 Years, was a Gent. of great Hopes, and died unmarried, the 13th of Sept. 1683, and four survived him,

All Daughters and Coheirs, viz.

Jane, married to Robt. Spencer, Lord Viscount Tyceot, of the Kingdom of Scotland.

Constance, married to George Marwood, Esq; only Son of Sir Henry

Marwood, of Bulky, in Cleveland, in the County of York, Bart.

Elizabeth, first married to Sir Samuel Gerrard, of Brassington, in the County

Of York, Kent. afterward to Francis Bassett,

And Catherine, married to John Dormer, of Ascot, in the County of Oxford, Esq;

Sir Thomas, was of a very ancient and noble Extraction, descended from R. de Spencer, A Baron, in the time of Will. the Conqueror, and nearly allied to the Right Hon. Family of the Spencers, Barons of Wormleighton, and Earls of Sutherland.

He was a most accomplished Gentleman, truly great, generous, hospitable, and Charitable; by his last Will he hath charged an Inclosed Ground in this Parish, Called Windmillfield, with the Payment of ten Pounds a Year, for ever, to the

Uses following, (viz.) three pounds to be paid yearly to the successive Vicars of this Town, upon This Condition that they shall every Year, in this Chapel, on the Birth-day, which was New-years Day, on the Day of his Death, and on the Day of the Death of Dame Jane, his Wife, read the

Morning Service, as directed in the Liturgy of the Church of England; and

Seven Pounds a Year to be applied to the repairing and beautifying this Chapel,

And the Monuments of this Family, if need be, severally, toward the Relief and Support

Of the Poor of this Parish, at the Discretion of the Vicar and Church-Wardens,

For the time being. (b)

(a) Collins's Peerage, vol. II. p. 162.

(b) Le Neve's Mon. Ang. vol. III. p. 62.

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On the decease of this Sir Thomas, without any surviving issue-male, the title came to,

Sir Thomas Spencer, of Eardington, in Shropshire, Bart. his cousin, (eldest son of Richard, fourth son of Sir Thomas, the first baronet, beforementioned) who married Elizabeth, daughter of Ancor Palmer, of Bricklehampton, in Worcestershire, Esq; by whom he had seven sons, and six daughters; three of the sons died in their minority; Sir Henry, the fourth, was his successor; the fifth and sixth sons, died issueless, and the seventh, Sir William, of whom hereafter. Of the daughters, five of them died unmarried; and Ursula, married Mr. Hugh Philips, of London.

Sir Henry Spencer, Bart. the eldest surviving son, succeeded his father, and enjoying the title about four years, died at Stratford upon Avon, in Warwickshire, 1726, without issue; being succeeded by his youngest brother,

Sir William Spencer, Bart. who married Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Dee, of Bridgnorth, in Shropshire, Gent. but died without male issue; whereupon the title came to his cousin, Sir Charles Spencer, Bart. grandson of Charles Spencer, of Lyon's-hall, in the county of Hereford, Esq; who was the second son of Richard Spencer, Esq; the fourth son of Sir Thomas Spencer, the first baronet beforementioned, by Margaret, his wife, daughter of Richard Brainthwait, Esq; serjeant at law.

Which Sir Charles Spencer, the present baronet, is in his minority.

ARMS: Quarterly, Argent and Gules; in the second and third Quarter, a Fret, Or; over all, on a Bend, Sable, three Escallops, Argent, with due difference.

CREST: Out of a ducal crown, Or, a Gryphon's Head, with Wings display'd, Argent.

21. TWISDEN, of East-Peckham, Kent.

(Sir WILLIAM, KNIGHT,)

Created BARONET, June 29, 1611.

THAT this family is denominated from a place called Twisden, a manor in or near Goudersf, in Kent, several authorities evince (a); and Mr. Philipot, in his survey of the county aforesaid, speaking of Sandhurst, says (b), 'Here is a place in this parish, which, however it be now under a cloudy and obscure character,

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(a) Ex Coll. Tho. Jekyll, & Stemmate penes William Twisden, Bar. (b) P. 300.

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‘ character, was, in ages of a higher gradation, the inheritance
‘ of the noble family of Twisden, and certainly here they lived,
‘ when they writ, *De Denna Fracta*, and from them it hath
‘ borrowed the title of Twisden-street, or Borough, which it re-
‘ tains to this day.’

Adam de Twisden, was living there, 21 Ed. I. and dying without issue, John, his brother and heir, succeeded to the estate; and by Christiana, his wife, had issue, Thomas de Twisden, who is mentioned in deeds, in the reigns of King Edward II. and King Edward III. he was father to John de Twisden, who married Christiana, daughter of — Rogers, and had issue, Roger, his son and heir.

Which Roger Twisden, Esq; in the reign of King Richard II. was steward of the abby of St. Augustine, a place of great trust in those times; (as Mr. Philipot observes) (*a*), and in the fifth year of King Henry IV. affixed to a deed the signature or impression of a Cockatrice, in wax, which at this time, is the crest, annexed to the paternal coat of the family. He was also living in the reign of Henry V. as appears by several charters (*b*), with the same seal appendant. Having married Elizabeth, the daughter and heir of Thomas Chelmington, of Chelmington, in Great-Chart, in Kent, Esq; the manor of that name accru’d to him; and Roger Twisden, his son and heir, made it his residence.

This Roger, was fifty years old, 18 Henry VI. as appears by an inquisition; and by Anne, his wife, one of the daughters and coheirs of John Baker, of Coldham, in Folkeston in Kent, had issue a son, Thomas, who succeeded him in his estate.

Which Thomas Twisden, Esq; took to wife Bennetta, daughter of Richard Lewkenor, of Suffex, Esq; (relict of William Barnes, and afterwards, wife of Vincent Finch) he had issue by her, two sons, William, and Roger Twisden.

William, the eldest, married Margaret, daughter of — Culpeper, of Wakehurst, in Suffex, Esq; and departing this life without issue, Roger, his brother and heir, succeeded to the estate.

Which Roger Twisden, Esq; wedded Jane, daughter of Christopher Cooper, of Stone, and widow of — Sharp, of Chart, in Kent, and had issue by her three sons, William, Christopher, and Thomas, who died 1590, and lies buried in the church of Great-Chart, under a grave-stone, the effigies (*c*) of a youth in a gown, (with short hair, his hands in a praying posture, and a sachel under his right arm) being depicted thereon in brass.

William Twisden, of Chelmington, Esq; (eldest son of Roger,) encreased his patrimony very considerably; for, by marriage with Elizabeth, daughter and coheir of Thomas Roydon, of Roydon-
hall,

(*a*) Philipot’s Villare Cantianum. * (*b*) Ex Coll. Tho. Jekyll, præd. in Biblioth. Harley.

(*c*) MS

hall, in East-Peckham in Kent, Esq; (by Margaret, his wife, daughter of William Whettenhall) he came possessed of her father's estate; (the seat of his posterity to this time) and his wife surviving him, was afterwards married to Cuthbert Vaughan, Esq; and lastly to Sir Thomas Golding, Knt. She died, Aug. 19, 1595. aged seventy-three, and lies buried in Peckham-church, under a monument erected to her memory; she left two children by her first husband, viz. a daughter, Margaret, married to Richard Dering, of Pluckley, in Kent, Esq; and a son,

Roger Twisden, of Roydon-hall, Esq; who was captain of a troop of Kentish gentlemen, at the camp form'd at Tilbury (*a*), to oppose the hostile eruptions of the Spaniards, in the year 1588, and high sheriff of Kent, 41 of Queen Elizabeth, and having married Anne, eldest daughter of Sir Thomas Wyat, of Allington-castle, in Kent, Knt. (who was beheaded in Queen Mary's time, 1553) had issue four daughters; Jane, married to Sir William Monins, of Walderfhare, in Kent, Bart. Elizabeth (*b*), wife of Adam Ashburnham, of Bromham, in Suffex; Margaret, of Henry Fane, of Hadlome, in Kent; and Bennetta, of — Bathurst, of the same county, Esqrs. Also two sons, William, and Thomas, who married the daughter of Thomas Paget. The said Roger, and Anne his wife, lie buried in Peckham-church; a fair monument being erected to their memory; and the inscription thereon informs us, that they were both born on the same day, in 1542, and that she died June 4, 1592, aged fifty; and he, in Nov. 1603, aged sixty-one; and further sayeth, *That in their lives they were blessed of God, and belov'd of men.*

William Twisden, Esq; eldest son and heir, succeeded to the estate at Roydon-hall, and was knighted by King James, at the Charter-house, the 11th of May, 1603, being among those that conducted him to London, when he came first from Scotland, to take possession of the English crown; and that king afterwards advanced him to the dignity of a baronet, 1611. He had a learned education, and was well read in the Hebrew and Greek Languages, which inclin'd him to the purchasing many valuable manuscripts and books; for being of a sober disposition, he knew the value of the improvement of the mind; and having excellent parts, he determin'd to make himself useful to his country, both in his studies, and the choice of his company; he set a good example to the age he liv'd in, and many were edified by his conversation. The collections he made, were likewise of use to the publick, both in defence of the reformed protestant religion, and the ancient constitutions of the kingdom. He lived to the sixty-third year of his age, when he died, much lamented, Jan. 8, 1627, and Anne, his lady, who surviv'd him, follow'd, Nov. 14, 1638, aged

(*a*) Philipot's Kent, p. 176.

(*b*) Peerage of England, vol. III, p. 785.

aged sixty-four. She was daughter of Sir Moyle Finch, of Eastwell, in Kent, Knt. and Bart. and her mother, who was the sole daughter of Sir Thomas Heneage, Knt. (treasurer of the chamber, vice-chamberlain of the household, chancellor of the dutchies of Lancaster, and one of the privy-councillors to Queen Elizabeth) was a lady of such excellent endowments, that King James I. advanced her to the dignity of viscountess of Maidstone; and King Charles I. to a higher title, creating her countess of Winchelsea; which honours, were limited to the heirs of her body; and the earls of Winchelsea and Nottingham, and Aylesford, descend from her.

Sir William Twysden, had issue by her, five sons, and two daughters, that lived to maturity.

1. Sir Roger, his successor.

2. Sir Thomas, who was brought up in the study of the law; and on the restoration of King Charles II. made one of the justices of the king's-bench; and being seated at Bradburn, in Kent, was advanced to the dignity of a baronet; of whom, and his descendants, mention will be made in the proper place.

3. William, who died unmarried, July 30, 1641, aged thirty-six, and lies buried at Bath.

4. John, who was a fellow of the college of physicians, at London, took his doctor's degree in the faculty, and was a person of general learning, as his works, both in physick and mathematicks, which are printed, testify. He likewise wrote, *A Disquisition touching the Sybills and Sibilline Writings*, &c. (a) and having lived unmarried to a great age, (eighty-one) died, Sept. 13, 1688, and received sepulture in St. Margaret's church, Westminster.

5. Francis, who also deceased unmarried, aged sixty-three, and was buried A. D. 1675, in East-Malling-church, in Kent, in a vault where his brother, judge Twisden, was afterwards laid.

Elizabeth Twisden, eldest daughter, was married to Sir Hugh Cholmley, of Whitby, in Yorkshire, Bart. and Anne, youngest daughter, was wife to Sir Christopher Yelverton, of Easton-Maudduit, in com. Northamp. Bart. ancestor to the earl of Suffex.

Sir Roger Twisden, Bart. (eldest son of Sir William) was thirty-one years old at his father's death. He obtained from King Charles I. a charter of free-warren, to make the park which now furrounds the house, at East-Peckham. He assisted Mr. Philipot, in his survey of Kent; and that author (b) returns him acknowledgments, as a person, to whom, for his learned conduct of those his imperfect labours, thro' the gloomy and perplex'd paths of antiquity, and the many difficulties that assaulted him, he was signally oblig'd. He was indeed a person every way accomplish'd, well vers'd in the learned languages, and exemplary in his devotion

(a) Wood's *Athenæ Oxon*, vol. II, p. 470.

(b) Philipot's *Villare Cant.* p. 105.

tion to the establish'd church of England. He kept a steady loyalty to his prince, and detesting the undutiful behaviour of many of his subjects, was not content to sit still, but enter'd with the first in opposing their arbitrary proceedings, which drew on him a severe persecution, and he was confin'd seven years a prisoner, his estate sequester'd, his timber cut down, and paid a fine of 1300l. (a) when he was restored to his estate; for the usurpers permitted him to compound, after they had brought all things to their own desire. When he came again to his seat, he lived retir'd during those troublesome times; and his greatest comfort was, the conversing with the learned fathers of the primitive church, and the ancient laws and constitutions of his country; hoping for a time when both might be vindicated; which he afterwards saw accomplished, having the satisfaction of seeing the restoration. And the *Decem Scriptores* appearing in the world, with several other collections, were owing to his endeavours, and he wrote a learned preface before them; and was the author of *The Historical Defence of the Church of England*. He finished his course in the seventy-fifth year of his age, 7 June, 1672, in the general esteem of all that knew him, for sanctity, innocence, and other christian virtues. Isabella, his wife, youngest daughter and coheir of Sir Nicholas Saunders, of Ewell, in Surry, Knt. (a lady of rare patience and prudence, in struggling thro' many troubles and hardships, in assisting her husband in his long imprisonment) dying before him in the year 1655, aged fifty two, and both lie buried at Peckham, having issue three sons, and three daughters.

1. Sir William, who succeeded to the title and estate.

2. Roger, educated in the profession of the law, who died unmarried, Feb. 20, 1676, aged thirty-five.

3. Charles, who travelled to Turkey, the Holy-land, Egypt, and several courts of Europe; was esteemed an ingenious person, and took the degree of doctor of physick: he died unmarried, in the forty-fifth year of his age, 1690.

Anne, eldest daughter, was married to John Porter, of Lamberhurst, in com. Cantii. Esq; who died without issue soon after his marriage.

Isabella, second daughter, died unmarried, 1726.

Frances, youngest daughter, was married to Sir Peter Killigrew, of Arnewick, in Cornwall, Knt. and Bart. and died, 1711.

Sir William Twisden, Bart. (eldest son of Sir Roger) was born in the year 1635; and by reason of his father's imprisonment, and the civil wars, went abroad very young; and returning back on the restoration of the king, he lived for a short time in England, and then travell'd a second time, both in France and Italy, whereby he became an accomplish'd and well-bred gentleman;

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and

(a) See list of those that compounded, in letter T,

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and having made many useful observations on the manners and customs of foreign countries, was the more in love with his own. He serv'd in several parliaments (a), and in the first of King James II. was elected one of the knights of the shire for Kent.

He lik'd the company of sober persons, and was averse to excess or extreams in any kind. He lived as became his quality, and knew the bounds between œconomy and the extravagancy of the age. He employed his vacant hours in the noble library his father and grandfather had furnish'd; having the same honour for learning and learned men, and understanding several languages himself, was delighted in their conversation.

He died at London, Nov. 27, 1697, and was buried at Peckham, with his ancestors. His lady, Frances, daughter and heir of Josias Cross, Esq; survived him; and was a worthy example of love to her husband, tendernefs for her children, and christian resignation, in patiently bearing the loss of several of them, taken off in the flower of their age; in defence of their country. They had nine sons and three daughters; of whom, those that surviv'd to maturity, were as follow:

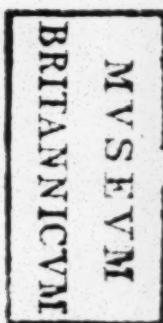
Roger, their eldest son, was born in 1666, but died in the year 1685.

Sir Thomas, succeeded to the title and estate.

Sir William, the present baronet.

Charles, who died 1698, aged twenty.

Heneage, a captain of foot in Sir Richard Temple's regiment, and being aid-de-camp to the duke of Argyle, was mortally wounded in the battle of Blaregnies, 1709, in the twenty-ninth year of his age; to whose memory, a handsome monument of black and white marble is erected, in the north isle of Westminster-abbey, with the following inscription (b):



M. S.
Heneagii Twisden,
Gulielmi Twysden, Baronetti,
Et Franciscæ Uxoris,
Filii natu septimi,
Qui

In acerrimo illo
Prope Blarenniam Hannoniensem Prælio,
Dum Celsissimo Fortissimoque Principi
Johanni Argatheliæ Duci,
Fœderatorum primam Aciem dirigenti,
Legatus Castrensis assisteret,
Strenue dimicans, occubuit.

Erat
Parentum Optimorum
Proles haudquaquam degener,

Nec

(a) Ex Coll. Brown Willis, Arm.
p. 371.

(b) Le Neve's Mon. Ang. vol. IV,

Nec indignus tanto Ductore Miles.
 Domi
 Egregiâ Comitâte ac Benevolentiâ,
 Integritate ac Modestiâ,
 Incorruptâ erga Amicos fide,
 Summâ in Deum & parentes Pietate.
 Militiæ
 Fortitudine invicta,
 Indefessâ Laborum Tolerantiâ,
 Mente inter Pericula inconcussâ,
 Spectabilis
 Tot tantisque Virtutibus,
 Privatis, Civilibus, Bellicis,
 Clarus,
 Triste sui Desiderium,
 Omnibus quibuscunque innotuerat.
 Reliquit;
 Illi verò longè tristissimum,
 Qui
 Consuetudinis perjucundæ
 Diuturnæque Officiorum Conjunctionis Memor,
 Amico suo usque deslendo
 Honorarium hoc Marmor,
 Ingentis Amoris
 Monumentum exiguum P.
 Obiit, A. D. MDCCIX, Ætat. suæ 29.

John, eighth son, was a lieutenant in Sir Cloudsley Shovel's ship, and was cast away with him, in the twenty-fourth year of his age, 1707.

Josias, youngest son, was a captain of foot, and received a mortal wound by a musquet shot, in Flanders, 1708, aged twenty-three. They are both commemorated by inscriptions, on two small neat tables, on each side the aforesaid monument, in Westminster-abbey, with the following inscriptions:

Johanni Twysden,
 Guiselmi Twysden, Baronetti,
 Et Franciscæ Uxoris,
 Filio natu octavo,
 Qui in Nave Prætoriâ
 Cujus erat è Pronovarchis
 Cum Cloudesleio Shovell,
 Britannicæ Classis Præfecto
 Naufragus periit,
 A. D. MDCCVII, Ætat. suæ xxiv.
 Ne optimi Juvenis Memoria
 Cum Corpore simul obrueretur,
 Cenotaphium hoc

Multas

Multas ei fuisse Virtutes,
Magnam de eo Spem Parentes concepisse,
In omne Ævum testetur. (a)

Josia Twysden,
Gulielmi Twysden, Baronetti,
Et Franciscæ Uxoris,
Filio natu nono
Qui in Exercitu Britannico Centurio
Castellum de Agremont,
Prope Urbem Insulas in Flandria,
Oppugnans
Glande plumbea ictus cecidit,
A. D. MDCCVIII. Ætat. suæ xxiii.†
Cadaver in Castra referri,
Et cum Militaribus Honoribus,
Quos optimè meruit,
Juvenis fortissimus
Sepeliri curavit
Heneagius Frater,
Heu! Non Die Superstes. (b)

Anne, eldest daughter of Sir William, died unmarried.

Frances, unmarried, and Isabella, married to Richard Lybbe, of Hardwick, in Oxfordshire, Esq;

Sir Thomas Twysden, Bart. (second, but eldest surviving son of Sir William,) was twenty-one years of age at his father's decease; and soon after, travelled into France, during the short interval of the peace of Reswick. He married (in the year 1710) Catherine, daughter and sole heir of Sir Francis Withens, Knt. one of the judges of the king's-bench, and departing this life the 10th of October, 1712, left only two daughters, viz. Frances, married to George Ogle, Esq; nephew to the late Sir George Markham, Bart. and Catherine, married to George Cooke, Esq; one of the prothonotaries of the court of common-pleas, son and heir of Sir George Cooke, Knt. (His widow afterwards married brigadier-general Jocelyn, youngest son of Sir Robert Jocelyn, of Hyde-hall, in Hertfordshire, Bart. and died, April, 1730;) whereupon the title and estate descended to his brother,

Sir William Twysden, the present baronet, who hath married Jane, daughter of Francis Twysden, Esq; youngest son of Sir Thomas Twysden, of Bradburn, in Kent, Bart. (one of the justices of the king's-bench, beforementioned) and hath issue three sons, William, Thomas, and Philip; and had three daughters, Jenny, (so christen'd,) who died, 1737; Elizabeth, now living, and Harriet, who died, 1723.

ARMS:

(a) Le Neve's Mon. Ang. vol. IV. p. 137.

(b) Ibid. p. 151.

ARMS: Gyrony of four, Argent and Gules; a Saltire, between four crofs Crosslets, all counterchang'd.

CREST: On a Wreath, a Cockatrice seieant, Gules, wing'd, crissled, &c. proper.

SEAT: At *East-Peckham*, in *Kent*. ✓

22. H A L E S, of Woodchurch, Kent.

(Sir EDWARD, KNIGHT,)

Created BARONET, June 29, 1611.

THE town of Hales, in the county of Norfolk, in all likelihood, gave name to this ancient family; for, Roger de Hales, (19 Henry II.) gave a tenement, which he was possessed of in the said town, to the abby of Bungey (*a*), in that county; and another Roger de Hales, 18 Edward I. was returned by the sheriff of Norfolk (*b*), as a knight, or freeman, on the jury, in a cause between the king, the bishop of Norwich, and Robert Tatehale, &c. whom I take to be the same person, whose daughter, Alice, was so beautiful, as to captivate Thomas, of Brotherton, earl of Norfolk, and marshal, one of the younger sons to King Edw. I. from which marriage proceeded Margaret, who was created dutchess of Norfolk, for life, 21 Richard II. from whom, by the lord Segrave, her husband, the illustrious house of the Howards descend, enjoying the dukedom of Norfolk, and the hereditary earl-marshalship of England.

By what means the family came into Kent, doth not appear; but that they gave name to their habitation in Halden, called from them, Hales-place, Mr. Philipot, voucheth in his survey of Kent. From whence, (saith he) as from their fountain, the several streams of the Hales's, that in divided rivulets have spread themselves over the whole county, did originally break forth (*c*).

Nicholas Hales, of Hales-place, had issue, Sir Robert Hales, who was knight-prior of the hospital of St. John of Jerusalem, and admiral of the north parts of England, in the reign of King Edward III. and was constituted treasurer of England, 1 Feb. 4 Rich. II. (*d*) but in the same year, had the hard fate, in the beginning of the insurrection under Wat Tyler, (called afterwards Jack Straw) to be dragged from his habitation, and suffer death on Tower-hill, and his house at Hybury, built like another paradise,

(*a*) Mon. Ang. vol. I.
Cant. p. 176.

(*b*) Ryley's Placit. Parl. p. 43.

(*c*) Philipot's Vill.

(*d*) Dugdale's Orig. Jurid.

dise, was utterly destroy'd in that popular fury, as the chronicles testify (*a*).

Sir Nicholas de Hales, Knt. brother and heir to this Sir Robert, left issue, Thomas de Hales, of Hales-place, who had three sons; 1. John. 2. Thomas, (from whom descended the Hales's, of Warwickshire.) 3. Henry, whose son, George, was of Ledenham, in Kent, and was father to Edward Hales, of Rumford, in Essex.

John, the eldest son, was possessed of Hales-place, and was succeeded therein by Henry, his son and heir, who took to wife Julian, daughter and heir of Richard Capel, of Lenden, in Tenterden, Esq; and had issue two sons, John, hereafter mentioned, and Thomas, who was father of Sir Christopher Hales, a noted lawyer in the reign of King Henry VIII. having been solicitor-general, attorney-general, and master of the rolls to the said king (*b*).

John, (eldest son and heir of Henry Hales, of Hales-place) had issue a son of his own name, John Hales, who studied the law at Gray's-Inn, of which society he became autumnal reader, 5 Hen. VIII. He was the acting steward for the abbey of St. Augustine, in Canterbury, jointly, with Sir Henry Guldeford, Knt. comptroller of the king's house, and afterwards, with Thomas Howard, duke of Norfolk: and 1 Octob. 1523, the fourteenth year of that king's reign, was constituted third baron of the exchequer, and afterwards, viz. May 14, 1529, 20 Hen. VIII. second baron of the exchequer. He was seated at the Dungeon, near Canterbury, having purchased it of Roger Brent, Esq; temp. Hen. VIII. and was (*c*) living there when Leland visited Kent, 30 Hen. VIII. and married Isabell, daughter and coheir of Stephen Harris, and had issue four sons, and a daughter, Mildred, married to John Honywood, of Seen, near Hithe, in Kent, Esq; Of the sons, James, the eldest, will be mentioned hereafter: 2. Thomas, of Thanington, in Kent, ancestor to the Hales's, of Beaksbourne, of whom, in its proper place: 3. Edward, ancestor to the branch we are now treating of; and 4. William, of Nackington.

Sir James, the eldest son, likewise studied the law at Gray's-Inn, and having been autumnal reader, 24 Hen. VIII. was chosen double lent-reader, 28 Hen. VIII. and serjeant at law, the thirty-fifth of that reign (*d*); and was made, on the coronation of King Edward VI. one of the forty knights, after he was crown'd, the ceremonies of the Bath being omitted, for want of time (*e*). In the third year of that reign, he was constituted one of the justices of the common-pleas, and was the only judge that refused (the rest being frightened at the frowns of the duke of Northumberland)

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(*a*) Twissen Dec. Scriptor. Coll. 2634 & seq. in Knighton.
(*c*) Philipot's Visit. Cant. p. 94. Bibl. Cotton.

(*d*) Dugd. Orig. Præd.

(*b*) Dugdale's Orig.
(*e*) Nom. Equit. in

to subscribe the king's will for disinheriting the ladies, Mary, and Elizabeth, as against both law and conscience; yet, in the next reign, by the influence of Stephen Gardner, bishop of Winchester (*a*), and lord-chancellor, he was committed to prison, and hardly us'd for urging the observation of some laws of King Edward VI. and so threatned by his keeper, that he endeavoured to have kill'd himself; and tho' the queen, in consideration of his fidelity to her interests, ordered his release, yet he afterwards grew melancholy, and in that change drowned himself (*b*), near his house in Kent, 1555. He left issue, by his wife, — daughter and heir of Thomas Hales, of Henley, upon Thames, in com. Oxon. Esq; two sons, and a daughter.

Humphrey, his eldest son, had the seat and estate of the Dungeon, near Canterbury, and was father to Sir James Hales, knighted by Queen Elizabeth, at Cobham-hall, in Sept. 1573; but this line is extinct.

Edward, third son of baron Hales, was seated at Tenterden, and by Margaret, his wife, daughter to John Honywood, of Seen, in Kent, Esq; had issue two daughters, Jane, wife of Sir Thomas Honywood, of Elmsted, in Kent, Knt. and Elizabeth, married to William Austin, of Tenterden, Esq; likewise three sons, John, and Edward, who left no issue, 3. William, who was successor both to his father, and brothers, in the estate at Tenterden; and having married Elizabeth, daughter to Paul Johnson, of Fordwich, in Kent, Esq; had two daughters, Mary, wife to Simon Smith, of Boughton-Monchelsey, in Kent, and Elizabeth, to Robert Kenrick, of King's-Sutton (*c*), in com. Northton, Esqrs. and one son, Edward.

Which

(*a*) Fuller's Worthies in Kent, p. 69. (*b*) Strype, in his Memorials Ecclesiastical, under Q. Mary, says, 'Sir James Hales, of Kent, Knt. a pious and good man, and a just and able judge, under King Henry, and King Edward, was made a prisoner in the king's-bench, by the bishop of Winchester, lord-chancellor; and thence remov'd to the counter, in Bread-street, and from thence to the Fleet; here, one Foster, a gentleman of Hampshire, laboured to persuade him to embrace the popish doctrine, by this argument; *That the error was without danger, but the truth full of peril.* When it was known that Hales was inclinable to relent, Day, bishop of Chichester, and Portman, a judge, came to him, (it being then the month of April, 1554) and did so earnestly deal with him, that they overcame him at last, after his having lain three weeks in that prison of the Fleet. But the trouble that arose in his conscience for what he had done, filled him with great terror, and overwhelmed him with sorrow; so that he attempted, in the absence of his servant, to kill himself with his penknife. For being ill, and lying sobbing and sighing, he sent down his servant upon an errand, and in the mean time wounded himself in divers places of his body; but his servant came in on the sudden, and at that time prevented his death. But after his recantation, being dismissed home unto his own country and habitation, conquer'd with grief and despair, he drowned himself in a shallow pond, near his own house, which is shewn to this day. vol. III. p. 173, 174. and in the catalogue of originals, p. 67.' Tho' the family of Beakbourne, deny that he drowned himself, and say, 'That Sir James, retiring to his seat, at Tharnington, near Canterbury, amused himself with the pleasures of a country life, and crossing the river over a narrow bridge, as he was walking in his meadows, fell in accidentally, and was drowned, aged eighty-five.' See Hales, of Beakbourne's account, postea.

(*c*) Sir Hen. St. George's Northton, p. 121.

Which Edward, became possessed of a good estate, by marriage with Deborah, daughter and heir of Martin Harlackenden, of Woodchurch, in Kent, Esq; and having received the honour of knighthood, was advanced to the dignity of a baronet, 1611. He serv'd in several parliaments, and being strictly devoted to the liberty of the subject, took part with those that rais'd the rebellion against King Charles I. He died in Oct. 1654, aged seventy-eight, and lies buried at Tunstall, under a noble marble monument, with his effigies cut in full proportion. He had issue by the aforesaid Deborah, four sons; 1. John, 2. Edward, of Chilson, in Kent, (whose son, Edward, by the daughter of John Evelyn, of Deptford, in Kent, Esq; left issue,) 3. Samuel, and 4. Thomas, who died S. P. Sir Edward, having buried his first wife, married a second, Martha, daughter of Sir Matthew Carew, Knt. and relict of Sir James Cromer, of Tunstall, in Kent, Knt. whereby he added a fine estate to his family.

John, his eldest son, having married Christian, one of the daughters and coheirs of the aforesaid Sir James Cromer, of Tunstall, Knt. died in the life-time of his father, and left issue,

Sir Edward Hales, Bart. who, in his younger years, risk'd his person and fortune, in endeavouring the rescue of King Charles I. from his imprisonment in the isle of Wight, and from the hands of those desperate men that brought him to the scaffold; of which enterprize, my lord Clarendon gives the following relation: ' Mr. L'Estrange, [the famous Sir Roger] says he (a), had a ' great friendship with a young gentleman, Mr. Hales, who ' lived in Kent, and was married to a lady of a noble birth and ' fortune, he being heir to one of the greatest fortunes in that ' country, but was to expect the inheritance from the favour of ' an old severe grandfather, who, for the present, kept the young ' couple from running into any excess; the mother of the lady ' being of as sour and strict a nature as the grandfather, and both ' of them so much of the parliament party, that they were not ' willing any part of their estates should be hazarded for the king. ' At the house of this Mr. Hales, Mr. L'Estrange was, when, ' by the communication which that part of Kent always hath ' with the ships which lie in the Downs, the report first did arise, ' that the fleet would presently declare for the king; and those ' seamen who came on shore, talk'd as if the city of London ' would join with them. This drew many gentlemen of the ' country, who wish'd well, to visit the ships, and they return'd ' more confirmed of the truth of what they had heard. Good ' fellowship was a vice spread every where; and this young great ' heir, who had been always bred among his neighbours, affected ' that which they were best pleas'd with; and so his house was ' a rendezvous for those who delighted in that exercise, and, who ' every

(a) Hist. Rebel. 8vo. vol. V. p. 134.

every day brought him the news of the good inclinations of the fleet for the king ; and all men's mouths were full of the general hatred the whole kingdom had against the parliament, as well as the army.'

In this posture of affairs, Mr. L'Estrange easily induc'd Mr. Hales, to put himself at the head of his own county, that was willing to be led by him ; and his lady, who was full of zeal for the king, joining with him, the young gentleman resolv'd to do somewhat for his majesty's service, at a juncture when the Scots were ready to march into England, and most parts of the kingdom ready to rise ; but being not enough conversant in the affairs of the world, he referr'd himself and the whole business to be governed by Mr. L'Estrange, who was believ'd, by his discourse, to be an able soldier. Accordingly, letters were sent to particular gentlemen, and warrants to the constables of hundreds, requiring, ' In his majesty's name, all persons to appear at a time and place appointed, to advise together, and lay hold on such opportunities as should be offer'd for relieving the king, and delivering him out of prison.' And meeting accordingly, they unanimously elected Mr. Hales, for their general, declaring, they would be ready to join, and march as he directed : and accordingly, a good body of horse and foot were drawn together, at Maidstone, Mr. Hales having taken up, on his own security, near 8000*l.* to defray the expence (*a*) ; and they were so strong, that the commander of the parliament forces, sent to suppress them, wrote word, that he durst not advance. On the news of this commotion, (the first in the kingdom) the earl of Norwich, was dispatch'd to Kent, to command as general. Upon the news of another general being sent, Mr. Hales retir'd, with his friend Mr. L'Estrange, to Holland ; not that his affection was in the least declin'd, but being threatned by his grandfather, on the one side, and his wife, by her mother, on the other (*b*), he was willing to put his wife out of the reach of her mother, resolving to return himself, and venture his person in the service ; which he did after heartily endeavour to do ; but that body rais'd in Kent, being afterwards dispers'd by faction and ill counsel, he remain'd in Holland, and was ever after forc'd to abscond, and, for the most part, live beyond the seas, on account of the great debts he contracted for the king's service. He died in France, some years after the restitution, and left issue by his lady, one of the daughters and coheirs of Thomas, lord Wotton, of Boughton-Malherbe, in Kent, Sir Edward, his successor ; John, of the Inner-temple, who died unmarried ; Charles, and Thomas, who also died unmarried.

Sir Edward Hales, Bart. (son and heir of Sir Edward) was in much

(*a*) Ex. Inf. Dom. Johan, Hales, Bar. (*b*) Clar. Hist. vol. V. p. 142.

much favour with King James II. under which king he had a regiment of foot, was one of his privy-council, and one of the lords of the admiralty, deputy-governor of the cinque-ports, and lieutenant-governor of the Tower of London. This gentleman had an action brought against him of 500*l.* by Arthur Godden, his coachman, for neglecting to take the oaths of supremacy and allegiance, within three months after he had his regiment, grounded upon the act of 25 Car. II. for preventing dangers from popish recusants, and was convicted at Rochester assizes for the same; but moving it into the king's-bench, pleaded the king's dispensing power, and had judgment (*a*) given for him; eleven of the judges out of the twelve, being of opinion, that the king might dispence in that case. At the revolution, he was confined for a year and an half, in the tower (*b*); and on his release, went to France, was at La Hogue, to embark for England, when admiral Russel burnt the French ships; and, in consideration of his services, was created earl of Tenterden, in Kent, by the late King James, whilst he was in that kingdom; he died in France, in 1695, and was buried in the church of St. Sulpice, in Paris. He married Frances, daughter of Sir Francis Windibank, of Oxfordshire, Knt. who died 1693, and had issue five sons, and seven daughters. Of the sons, only the present Sir John, survives. Edward, the eldest, was kill'd at the battle of the Boyn, fighting for King James II. Charles, Robert, and James, lived to men's estate, and died unmarried. Of the daughters,

Anne, died unmarried.

Mary, married — Bauwens, Esq; judge of the admiralty, at Ostend.

Frances, married the right honourable, Peter, earl of Fingall, in the kingdom of Ireland.

Jane, Elizabeth, and Catherine, died unmarried. And, Clare, wedded Mr. Hufsey, of the kingdom of Ireland.

Sir John Hales, the present baronet, hath married two wives; first, Hellen, daughter of Sir Richard Bealing, of the kingdom of Ireland, secretary to the queen-dowager of King Charles II. and secondly, another Hellen, daughter of Dudley Bagnall, of the Newry, in the kingdom of Ireland, Esq; By the former, he had two sons; 1. Edward, who married Mrs. Bulltrode, relict of captain Bulltrode, and granddaughter of Sir Richard Bulltrode, Knt. (who died at St. Germain's, in France, Oct. 1711, aged one hundred and two,) by whom he left only one son, Edward, about fourteen years of age, heir to the title and estate; and 2. John, who

(*a*) This memorable affair was argu'd by Sir Edward Northey, for the plaintiff, and Sir Thomas Powis, for the defendant, and the lord chief-justice Herbert, delivered the opinions of the twelve judges. See the whole proceedings at large, in *State Trials*, fo. vol. VII. p. 612, &c. (*b*) *Ex Infor. Dom. J. Hales, præd.*

who died a bachelor; and a daughter, Frances, married to George-Henry, the present earl of Litchfield. By his second lady, he hath had issue three sons; James, killed in Italy, 1735, being an officer in the emperor's service; Alexander, and Philip, both living. This lady Hales, died at Luckly, near Oakingham, in Berks, Nov. 1737.

ARMS: Gules, three Arrows, Or, feather'd and bearded, Argent.

CREST: On a Wreath, a dexter Arm, bended at the Elbow, and arm'd, proper, garnish'd, Or, and bound about with a Ribband, Gules, holding an Arrow, as in the Arms.

SEATS: At *St. Stephen's*, near *Canterbury*, at *Tunstall*, and *Woodchurch*, all in *Kent*.

23. NAPIER, of Luton-Hoo, Bedfordshire.

(Sir ROBERT, KNIGHT,)

Created BARONET, Sept. 24, 1611.

SEVERAL pedigrees (*a*), and the following certificate of Sir Archibald Napier, of Merchiston, in Scotland, Knt. deputy-treasurer of that kingdom, and of the privy-council to King Charles I. declare this family to be descended from the ancient earls of Lenox, created to that title in the reign of Malcolm III. about the year 1057.

To all and singular as well noble and gentlemen, both English, French, and Scotch, as others, to whom these presents shall come: know, that I, Sir William Segar, Knt. als. Garter, principal herald and king of arms of this realm of England, send greeting, in our Lord God, Everlasting. Whereas, anciently, from the beginning, the valiant and virtuous acts of worthy persons have been commended to the world, with sundry monuments and remembrances of their good deserts, amongst which, the chiefest and most usual hath been the bearing of signs in shields called arms, which are evident demonstrations of prowess and valour diversly distributed, according to the qualities and deserts of the persons meriting the same; which order, as it was prudently devised in the beginning, to stir up and kindle the hearts of men to the imitation of virtue and nobleness, even so hath the same been

(*a*) Ex Stem. penes Sir Nath. Napier, Bart. de com. Dorset. & Tho. Jekyl, Arm.

been, and as yet is continually observed, to the end that such as have done commendable service to their prince or country either in war or peace, may both receive due honour in their lives, and also derive the same successively to their posterity after them, for ever. Amongst which, I find, Sir Robert Naper, of Luton-Hoo, in the county of Bedford, Knt. and Bart. to be nobly descended from the ancient earls of Lenox, in Scotland; and being desired by him, the said Sir Robert Naper, to make entry of his descent and genealogy, in the office of arms, and because the ancient records of those countries remain not with us, and the said Sir Robert Naper, and others, being so descended as aforesaid, and now remaining within the realm of England, I, to satisfy his just and laudable request, herein have entered the same, in the office of arms, as they were delivered unto me by the said Sir Robert, with certificate under the hand and seal of Sir Archibald Naper, of Merchiston, in the realm of Scotland, in these words, viz. To all and singular person or persons, to whom these presents shall come, greeting. Know ye, that I, Sir Archibald Naper, of Merchiston, in the kingdom of Scotland, Knt. deputy-treasurer, and one of his majesty's privy-council there, for as much as my entirely beloved kinsman, Sir Robert Naper, of Luton-Hoo, in the county of Bedford, Knt. and Bart, being desirous to be informed of his pedigree and descent from my house, I have, to satisfy his lawful and laudable request, herein declared the truth thereof, and the original of our name, as by tradition from father to son, we have generally, and without any doubt, received the same. That one of the ancient earls of Lenox, in Scotland, had issue three sons; the eldest, succeeded him in the earldom of Lenox; the second, whose name was Donald, and the third, named Sillcrist. — the then king of Scots, having wars, did convocate his leiges to the battle, amongst whom that was commanded, was the earl of Lenox, who, keeping his eldest son at home, sent his second son to serve for him, with the forces that were under his command: this battle went hard with the Scots, for the enemy pressing furiously upon them, forced them to lose ground, until at last they fell to flat running away, which being perceived by Donald, he pulled his father's standard from the bearer thereof, and valiantly encountering the foe, being well follow'd by the earl of Lenox's men, he repulsed the enemy, and changed the fortune of the day, whereby a great victory was got. After the battle, as the manner is, every one advancing, and setting forth his own acts, the king said unto them, *Ye have all done valiantly, but there is one amongst you who hath Na-peir*, and calling Donald unto his presence, commanded, in regard of his worth, service, and augmentation of his honour, to change his name from *Lenox* to *Naper*, and gave him the lands of Goffurd, and

(a) O James, and was admitted by the West

and lands in Fife, and made him his own servant; which discourse is confirmed by sundry of my old evidences and testimonies, wherein we are called Lenox als Naper; after this, the earldom of Lenox, for want of heirs-male, went to daughters, the elder whereof, was married to Sir John Mentith, of Rosky, who was earl of Lenox, during his natural life; and the younger was married to Allan Stewart, lord Darnly, of whom is descended the king's majesty, the dukes of Lenox, and divers other nobles of Scotland; Sir John Mentith, had two daughters, the first married to — Haddon, of Glengis, and the second was married to John Naper, of Rosky and Merchiston, being the son of Sir Alexander Naper, of Merchiston, descended from Donald, aforesaid; amongst them there was great strifes and controversies, for the title and honour of Lenox, but the revenue was divided amongst them, and I hold some land to this day, in Lenox, which came to my ancestors by the same division; as also certain lands, which did anciently belong to the said Sir John Mentith, for Sir John Mentith, according to the laws and customs of the country, enjoyed the honour for his life, and left the same to descend to the said — Haddon, of Glengis; for Naper, of Merchiston, besides his marriage, bore his ancient arms, surname, and descent, from the house of the earls of Lenox, for the lord Darnley was in the king's special favour and inclination, which being known unto Naper, of Merchiston, being then in the king's service, he relinquished his suit, and is said, got Blairinwades for that cause; but I do find, that he did give his part of the fishing of Levin, and the Water-mouth of Inch-Tavenock, with the patronages for some churches for Blairinwades. And for further testimony for the affection of the said Napers, of Merchiston, the lord Darnly did, in recompence of their relinquishing their claim to the dignity of Lenox, tie themselves and their heirs to support and maintain the said house of the Napers, and their heirs, in all just occasions and engagements, as by ancient evidences is manifested. The said Sir John Naper, of Merchiston and Rosky, had issue, Archibald, father to Sir Alexander, who had issue, Sir Alexander, and James, (hereafter mentioned) (a); Sir Alexander, had issue, Sir Alexander, who had issue, Sir Archibald and Alexander; Sir Archibald, had issue, Sir John, and Sir Alexander; Sir John, was my father; Alexander, second son of Sir Alexander, and brother to Sir Archibald, my grandfather, as aforesaid, having spent the greatest part of his youth in foreign parts, came into England, in the time of King Henry VIII. and had issue the

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aforesaid

(a) Other pedigrees make this Sir Alexander, to have had three sons, Sir Alexander, James, and John; and that John, was the person that came into England, temp. Hen. VII. and was the ancestor to those of Swire, in com. Dorset. &c. so, probably, this John, is committed by the transcriber, and James made, by mistake, the ancestor to the Napiers, of the West. See Napier, of Middlemarsh, his account, postea.

aforefaid Sir Robert Naper, Knt. and Bart. Richard Naper, of
 Linford, now living, and divers other fons and daughters. James,
 aforefaid (a), coming into England in the time of King Hen. VII.
 and firft planting himfelf in Swire, in the county of Dorfet, who
 had iflue, 1. Edward, of Oxford and Swire, aforefaid: 2. Nicho-
 las Naper, of Tintinhull, in the county of Somerfet: 3. James,
 of Midlemerfhall, in the county of Dorfet. From the elder brother
 are defcended the Napers, of Oxford; the third brother,
 James, of Midlemerfhall, was father to Sir Robert Naper, of
 Midlemerfhall, fome time lord chief-baron of Ireland, and father
 to Sir Nathaniel Naper, now living. This James, had divers
 other iflues, being grandfather to John Naper, and Robert Na-
 per, of Puncknoll, in the county of Dorfet, Efqs. and divers
 others of that ftem, now living in that county. Nicholas Naper,
 of Tintinhull, in the county of Somerfet, Efq; hath alfo divers
 iflues. Thefe things being found by me, as aforefaid, caufeth
 me, out of the natural affection and love which I bear to my lov-
 ing coufins, Sir Robert Naper, Knt. and Bart. Sir Nathaniel
 Naper, and the reft of my faid kindred in England, to testify and
 give allowance to them, to bear my arms, fupporters, and creft,
 with their due differences, as their lawful right and ancient in-
 heritance, and as the fame are depicted in the margin; and do
 hereby acknowledge them to be kinfmen of my blood, and
 branched from my houfe, according to due proof, as is above de-
 clared. In witnefs whereof, I have hereunto fet my hand and
 feal of arms. Dated the firft day of June, an. Dom. MDCXXV.
 And finding the faid Sir Robert Naper, to bear nine coats, quar-
 tered; the firft, Argent, a Saltire ingrailed, between four rofes,
 Gules, by the name of Naper: the fecond, Or, a Bend Chequey,
 Argent and Azure, belonging to the noble and worthy furname
 of Mentith: the third, Or, a Ship, Sable, under a Chief, Azure,
 charged with three Buckles, Argent, by the name of Rofky: the
 fourth, Party per Cheveron, Or, and Vert, three birchen Bran-
 ches counter-changed of the field, by the name of Birchley: the
 fifth, Chequey, Or and Azure, on a Canton, Gules, a Lion
 rampant, Ermine, by the name of Warren: the fixth, Gules, a
 Cheveron, between three Eagles display'd, with two heads, Ar-
 gent, by the name of Eyton: the feventh, Or, on a Fefle, Gules,
 three crofs Crofflets, Argent, by the name of Colevill: the eighth,
 Azure, three Logenges, the Field Crufilely, Or, by the name of
 Stockport: the ninth, Or, on a Cheveron, Gules, three Swans,
 Argent, by the name of Stafford: and to their creft, and badge,
 on a helm mantled, Gules, doubled within, Argent, on a wreath
 of the colours, Argent and Gules, a Demi-Arm, Gules, lined
 Argent, the hand holding a Crescent, proper, being the
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(a) Quere, if this fhould not be John, as beforementioned.

ancient crest of the Napers, of Merchiston. And also finding the said Sir Robert, to bear for a crest, on a wreath of the colours, a Greyhound, Gules, coloured and lined, Or, having been anciently borne a second crest, as more at large are depicted in the margin; also above, in the descent of the said Sir Robert, which descent, arms, crest, and supporters, so depicted, and every part and parcel thereof, I the said Garter, principal king of arms, by power and authority of my office, annexed and granted by letters-patents, under the great seal of England, do assign, give, and grant unto the said Sir Robert Napier, and to his successors, with their due difference, to use, bear, and shew forth, in all places wheresoever, according to the laws of arms, without impediment, lett, or interruption of any person whatsoever. In witness whereof, I, the said Garter, have set hereunto my hand and seal of office, the first day of September, in the first year of the reign of our sovereign Lord Charles, by the grace of God, king of Great-Britain, France, and Ireland, defender of the faith, &c.

WILLIAM SEGAR, Garter,

Which Alexander Napier, beforementioned, youngest son of Sir Alexander, and brother to Sir Archibald, for distinction, was called Sandy, and came into England, temp. Hen. VIII. and settled at Exeter, and by Anne, his wife, daughter to Edward Birchley, of Hertfordshire, had issue four daughters; Catherine, married to Edward Kempton, of London: Margaret, wife to Francis Evington, of London: Elizabeth, to John Leech, of Devonshire; and Anne, to William Newcombe, of Exeter; and three sons:

1. John, who married Joan, the daughter of Webb; whose daughter and heir, Anne, became the wife of Matthew Stoker, of Basingstoke. 2. Sir Robert; and 3. Richard, rector of Linford, in Bucks.

Sir Robert Napier, purchased the estate at Luton-Hoo, in Bedfordshire, (a fine seat, with a park, in the parish of Luton, that was anciently the possessions of the family of Hoo) and was knighted by King James I. in his progress, anno 1611, and farther advanc'd by the said king to the dignity of a baronet, Sept. 24, 1612. He married three wives; 1. the daughter of Stapers: 2. Margaret, daughter to Richard Barnes, citizen and mercer of London; and 3. Mary, daughter to John Robinson, merchant, and had issue, only by the last, viz. three sons and four daughters (a); 1. Sir Robert, his successor. 2. Sir Richard, of Linford, who, by Anne, his first wife, daughter of Sir Thomas Tyringham, of Tyringham, in Bucks, Knt. had Robert Napier,

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(*) Ex Infor. Dom. Jo. Napier, Bar.

M. D. and Richard, a merchant, who both died unmarried. He married, secondly, Mary, daughter of Thomas Vynor, Esq; Lord-mayor of London, 1654, by whom he had, Thomas Napier, of Brockhill, in Middlesex, and Mary, who died unmarried. Alexander, the third son, married Elizabeth, daughter of Lewis Cokayn, of Cokayn-Hatley, in com. Bedf. Esq; and had issue a son, Lewis, of Woodstock, in com. Oxon. who married the daughter of John Griffith, D. D. reader at the Temple. The four daughters of Sir Robert were, Mary, married to Sir Thomas Middleton, of Chirk-castle, in com. Denbigh, Knt. Christian, married to Sir Thomas Eversfield, of Den, in Suffex, Knt. Sarah, wife of Sir Walter Leach, of Cadleigh, in Devon, Knt. and Magdalen, wife of general Mitton, in com. Salop. This Sir Robert, died April, 1637.

Sir Robert, his eldest son, and successor to the title and estate, received the honour of knighthood from King James I. at Whitehall, April 30, 1623, in the life-time of his father. He married two wives; 1. Frances, daughter of Sir William Thornhurst, of Agincourt, in Kent, Knt. (by Anne, his wife, daughter of Thomas Howard, viscount Bindon, and sister and coheir of Thomas Howard, viscount Bindon, knight of the garter) by whom he had one son, Robert, who married Margaret, daughter of Sir Edward Littleton, of Pillaton-Hall, in com. Stafford. Bart. by whom he had only one son, Robert (*a*), who died unmarried, 1675. Sir Robert married, secondly (*b*), lady Penelope, daughter of John Egerton, first earl of Bridgewater, by whom he had two sons, John, and Alexander; and a daughter, Frances: Alexander, his second son, was of Hatton-garden, London, and (*c*) married Mary, daughter and heir to Richard Mason, of Worldham, in Hampshire, Esq; by whom he had one son, Robert, who died unmarried, and three daughters; Penelope, who died unmarried; Jane, and Elizabeth, who are living, and unmarried. Frances, the only daughter of Sir Robert, married, first, Sir Edward Barkham, of Southacre, in Norfolk, Bart. and secondly (*d*), the lord Richardson, baron of Cramond, in Scotland.

Sir Robert, settled his estate on John and Alexander, his sons by the second marriage, and surrendered his patent of baronet, to the intent the said dignity should be granted to himself, with remainder to the said John and Alexander, but dying in the year 1660, before a new one passed the seals, John (*e*), the eldest son aforesaid, being possessed of the estate, had the patent granted to him, by his majesty King Charles II. bearing date, March 4, 1660, whereby he was created to the degree of a baronet, with pre-

(*a*) Ex Infor. Dom. Jo. Napier, Bar.
fo. 48.
p. 684.

(*c*) Ex Infor. Dom. Jo. Napier, Bar.
(*e*) Bythe's Visit. Bedf. p. 486.

(*b*) Sir Edward Bythe's Visit. of Bedf.
(*d*) Blomfield's Norfolk, vol. I.

precedency, according to the date of the patent his father surrendered, with remainder to Alexander, his brother, and his heirs male, and likewise, with remainder to the heirs male of Sir Robert Napier, Knt. grandfather to him the said John.

* Which Sir John Napier, Bart. was elected knight of the shire for the county of Bedford, in the reign of King Charles II. and having afterwards the misfortune of receiving two falls from his horse, was so craz'd, that a commission of lunacy was awarded against him; and dying in the year 1712, left issue, by Elizabeth, his wife, daughter of Sir Theophilus Biddulph, of West-Combe, in Greenwich in Kent, Bart. (sister to Sir Michael,) five sons, and two daughters (*a*); 1. John, who died unmarried: 2. Sir Theophilus. 3. Archibald, who, by Sarah, relict of — Angier, Esq; left one son, Sir John, and a daughter, Elizabeth, who died unmarried. 4. Edward; and 5. Alexander, who both died unmarried. Of the daughters, Susan, married John Highlord, of Harrow, in Middlesex, Esq; and Frances, is unmarried.

Sir Theophilus, eldest surviving son and heir, succeeded to the title and estate, and married Elizabeth, daughter of John Rothe-ram, of Much-Waltham, in Essex, Esq; but left no issue: she, surviving her husband, married, secondly, Thomas, the late lord Howard, of Effingham, who left her a second time a widow, 1725, and she afterwards married to her third husband (*b*), Sir Conyers D'Arcy, knight of the Bath, and member of parliament for Richmond, in Yorkshire, uncle to the present earl of Holderness.

Sir Theophilus, leaving no issue,

Sir John Napier, the present baronet, son of Archibald, succeeded his uncle: he is as yet unmarried.

ARMS: The same as Napier, of Merchiston, viz. Argent, a Saltier engrailed, between four Roses, Gules; with due distinction.

CREST: On a Wreath, a dexter Arm, coup'd at the Elbow, vested Gules, turned up Argent, grasping a Crescent, proper.

SUPPORTERS: Two Eagles close, proper.

SEAT: At *Luton-Hoo*, in *Bedfordshire*.

(*a*) Ex Infor. Dom. Jo. Napier, Bar.
p. 424.

(*b*) Collins's Peerage of England, vol. II.

24. WYVILL, of Constable-Burton, Yorkshire.

(Sir MARMADUKE, KNIGHT,)

Created BARONET, Nov. 25, 1611 (a).

THIS family hath been of knightly degree ever since the conquest, and the present Sir Marmaduke Wyvill, is the twenty-third in a lineal descent from,

1. Sir Humphry D'Wyvell, of Walworth and Slingsby-castle, Knt. who came into England with William the conqueror, on the Norman invasion, as appears from Stow, Speed (b), and all the old chronicles, wherein the Battle-abbey list is preserved.

2. Sir John D'Wyvell, Knt. his son, living in the time of William Rufus, married a daughter of Sir John Fulthorpe, Knt. whose son,

3. Oliver D'Wyvell, Esq; lived in the reigns of King Stephen, and Hen. II. he married Grace, the daughter of Sir John Vefcey, Knt. and was father of,

4. Sir John D'Wyvell, Knt. living in the reign of King John, he married a daughter of Sir Adam Bruce, Knt.

5. Sir Robert D'Wyvell, Knt. his son, succeeded him, in the reign of Henry III. but it is not mentioned in the pedigree, whom he married; about this time lived John D'Wyvell, of this family, who was one of the barons of the exchequer, and was one of the justices of the common-pleas (c).

6. Sir Marmaduke D'Wyvell, Knt. son and heir of Sir Robert, married a daughter of Sir John Elton, Knt. in the reign of Edward I.

7. Robert D'Wyvell, Esq; succeeded his father, Sir Marmaduke, and was returned, anno 1294, 23 Edward I. one of the knights of the shire for the county of Leiceſter (d); also John D'Wyvell, Esq; of the same lineage, was summoned by the king's writ, dated at Northampton, March 2, anno 1299, 29 Edw. I. to appear before him, with his dependants, well accoutred, with horse and arms, at Berwick upon Tweed, to oppose the incursion of the Scots. In the reign of Edward II. there was another Robert D'Wyvell, a branch of the same family, who was appointed

(a) From examination of the original patent, the date whereof has hitherto been erroneously printed, (by Dugdale, and in other catalogues of baronets,) Nov. 25, 1612. Ex Inf. Dom. Mar. Wyvill, Bar.

(b) Stow's Chronicle, p. 106.

(c) Phillips's list of those raised by the law, p. 248. Jo. De Wyvill Justic. itinerans apud Westm. 44 Hen. III, vide Rotul. itin. ejusd. in cur. recep. Scac. (d) Ex Collect. Browne Willis, Arm.

pointed keeper of the great seal, anno 1326 (a). He was also a great favourite with Edward III. being made bishop of Bath and Wells, at the earnest recommendation of that king to the pope—*Ad papam instantissime petit ut Robertus Wyvell, in episcopum Bathon & Wellese promoveatur* (b). This Robert, was afterwards translated to Salisbury: 'He was bishop of Salisbury forty-five years (c). About the year 1355, he sued William Montacute, earl of Salisbury, with a writ of right for the castle of Salisbury. The earl pleaded, that he would defend his title by combat: whereupon, at a time appointed, the bishop was fain to bring his champion unto the lists provided for this purpose. He was clothed all in white saving, that over the rest of his apparel was cast the coat-armour of the bishop; after him came one with a staff, and another with his target. The earl likewise brought in his champion, much in like sort, and all things were now ready for them to go together, when upon a sudden, by commandment of the king's letters, the matter was staid for a time. Before the second meeting, the parties fell to agreement. The bishop gave unto the earl 2500 marks, to leave the castle, with his appurtenances, unto him and his successors, for ever. Beside this, he also recovered the chase of Beere, and the castle of Sherborn, which had been detained from his see, ever since King Stephen took it violently from Roger, his predecessor, for the space of 200 years. He died the forty-sixth year of his consecration, Sept. 4, 1375, and lieth buried under a fair marble stone, in the middle of the choir, near the bishop's see; on the south side, close by him, lieth bishop Jewel, who (as I have heard) desired to lie beside him.' But he was removed out of the choir, upon the paving it, to the cross isle, on the south side, where is a bishop, under a large arch, dressed in his episcopal habit, and under him, a person in armour, all in brass, and round the verge, this inscription (d):

Hic jacet Robert Wyvill, congregavit & congregata ut Pastor vigilans conservavit, jura cum alia Beneficia sua plurima castrum dictæ ecclesie de Schirebonn, per diversos annos & amplius manu militari violent occupatum eidem ecclesie ut pugil intrepidus recuperavit, ac ipsi ecclesie Chaceam suam de la Bere restitui procuravit, qui quarto Die Septembris, Anno Domini, Millimo CCCLXXV. & Anno consecr. sue XIvo. sicut altissimo placuit, indicto Castro debitum reddidit—quo speravit & reddidit cuncta potens.

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(a) Rymer's Fœdera, vol. IV. p. 237. (b) Ibid. p. 391. (c) See bishop Goodwin's catalogue of the bishops of England, p. 348. (d) Antiquities of Salisbury-cathedral, p. 96. in the same book, p. 273, it says, Robert Wyvill received his temporalities from Ed. III, 10 June, 1331, and dying 4 Sept, 1375, was here interr'd.

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8. Sir Thomas Wyvell, Knt. son of Robert, temp. Rich. II. married Dorcas, daughter of Sir Randulf Bulmer, Knt.

9. Sir Marmaduke Wyvell, Knt. succeeded his father, Sir Thomas, in the same reign, and married Barbara, daughter of Sir Randulph Gowle, Knt.

10. Robert Wyvell, Esq; son and heir of Sir Marmaduke, temp. Hen. V. married Jane, daughter of Edmund Darrel, Esq;

11. Sir Richard Wyvell, Knt. his son, having, in the year 1461, taken part with Henry VI. against the house of York, was slain at the battle of Towton, in Yorkshire, and his estate forfeited to Edward IV. who gave Slingsby-castle, (which had belonged to this family, ever since the conquest,) to the lord Hastings.

12. Christopher Wyvell, Esq; son of Sir Richard, married, in the reign of Edward V. a daughter of Richard Lassels, Esq;

13. Robert Wyvell, Esq; his son, in the reign of Richard III. married Joan, the daughter and heir of John Pigot, Esq;

14. Robert Wyvell, Esq; his son and heir, succeeded him in his estate, temp. Henry VII. and married Anne, daughter of Sir John Norton, Knt.

15. Marmaduke Wyvell, Esq; son and heir of Robert, in the reign of Henry VIII. made a large addition to his estate, by marrying, 1. Agnes, the daughter and heir of Sir Ralph Fitz-Randolph, of Spenithorne, Knt. lord of Middleham, by Elizabeth, his wife, one of the daughters and coheirs of Ralph, lord Scrope, of Massam; which ancient barony is in fee, and lies dormant between the present Sir Marmaduke Wyvill, Bart. and the son of Sir Abstrupus Danby, whose ancestor married the other daughter and coheir of the said lord Scrope. This Marmaduke Wyvell, Esq; was elected one of the burgesses for Rippon, in com. Ebor. in the parliament that met at Westminster, Oct. 5, in the first year of Queen Mary's reign, anno 1553, and afterwards received the honour of knighthood. He married to his second wife, the widow of Sir Roger Bellingham, Knt. and his third was Dorothy, daughter of —, and relict of Sir William St. Quintin, Knt.

16. Christopher Wyvill, Esq; his son and heir, by his first wife, (temp. Queen Mary) married Margaret, daughter of the honourable John Scrope, Esq; younger son of Henry, lord Scrope, of Bolton, by Elizabeth, his wife, daughter of Henry Percy, earl of Northumberland, from whom were descended the Scropes, earls of Sunderland.

17. Marmaduke, his son and heir, was elected a burgess for Richmond, in Yorkshire, in several parliaments in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, who conferr'd the honour of knighthood on him (a), and in a progress that her majesty made into the north, she

(a) It is conjectured from a picture of this Sir Marmaduke, (now remaining in the family) with a gold key hanging to it, that he was her vice-chamberlain.

he did him the honour of a visit, at Constable-Burton, the seat of the family, which he had rebuilt. He was afterwards created a baronet by his majesty King James I. by patent dated Nov. 25, 1611. He married Magdalen, daughter of Sir Christopher Danby, of Thorpe-park, in com. Ebor. Knt. and dying 1613, lies buried at Massam, under a noble monument of white marble, shewing the images of a knight in armour, and the statue of a lady, both in full proportion; and under them the statues of eight children, kneeling; and the following inscription (*a*), setting forth his descent from the FitzRandolfs, and lord Scrope, viz.

Hic jacet Marmaducus Wyvell, Miles, primus sui Nominis, Baronettus, Filius & Hæres Christopheri per Margaretam Filiam Johannis Scroop. Christopherus fuit Filius & Hæres Marmaduci: & Agnetis unius quinque Sororum & Cohæredum Johannis, Filii & Hæredis Radulphi Fitz-Randoli, Militis, & Elizabethæ unius trium Sororum & Cohæredum Radulphi Dom Scroop, de Massam. Marmaducus fuit Filius & Hæres Roberti, Filii & Hæredis Roberti, & Joannæ, Filix & Hæredis Johannis Pigot. An. Dom. 1613.

Quo exstructum fuit hoc Monumentum. Marmaducus, & Magdelana Filia Christopheri Danby, Militis, habuit viventes sex Filios & duas Filias; ejus tunc Hæres apparens fuit Christopherus, Filius Christopheri, Marmaducus Filius Marmaduci, Barbara unigenita, sua vixit ad ætatem annorum 76, & mortuus anno Mediatoris sui unici, cui sit omnis Gloria & Benedictio, MDCXVII.

Mensisque Januarii 9.

Those children that married were, Magdalen, who was wife to Thomas Talbot, of Worvill, in Shropshire, Esq; ancestor to the Talbots of that place (*b*): Christopher, hereafter mentioned, and Francis, who was rector of Spenithorne, in Yorkshire, and died 1649 (*c*), leaving issue, by Helen, daughter of Thomas Norton, of Burneby, Esq; three sons; 1. Thomas Wyvill, of Bellerby, in Yorkshire, who, by Mary, daughter of Christopher Place, of Dinsdale, in Durham, Esq; left only one daughter: 2. Edward Wyvill, who married two wives, first, Elizabeth, daughter of Henry Peirson, of Richmond, in Yorkshire, Esq; by whom he had issue one son, Edward; and by his second wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Peter Norton, of Dishford, in Yorkshire, one son, Francis: 3. Rowland, who died S. P.

18. Christopher Wyvill, Esq; eldest son of Sir Marmaduke, died in his father's life-time: he married Jane, daughter of Sir Robert Stapleton, of Wighill, in Yorkshire, Knt. and had issue four sons, and

(*a*) Ex Collect. Rad. Thoresby de Leeds, in com. Ebor. Arm. (*b*) Collins's Peerage of England, vol. IV, p. 527. (*c*) Dugdale's Visit, of Yorkshire, 32 B.

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and six daughters (*a*); 1. Marmaduke. 2. Henry, who died without issue. 3. William Wyvill, of Johnby, in Cumberland, (who married Mary, daughter of Leonard Musgrave, of Johnby, in Cumberland, Esq; son and heir of Sir William Musgrave, of Hayton, in Cumberland, Knt. by whom he had issue, Christopher Wyvill, of Johnby, who married Frances, daughter of Sir Timothy Featherston, of Kirkswald, in Cumberland, Knt.) and 4. Edward.

19. Sir Marmaduke Wyvill, Bart. eldest son of Christopher, and successor to his grandfather, Sir Marmaduke, in the title and estate, married Isabel, daughter and sole heir of Sir William Gafcoigne, of Sedbury, in com. Ebor. Knt. by whom he had seven sons (*b*), (tho' six of them died unmarried, or without issue) and eight daughters, viz. 1. Mary, married to Arthur Beckwith, of Aldborough, in Yorkshire, Esq; father of the first Sir Roger Beckwith, Bart. 2. Jane, to Robert Wyld, of Hunton, Esq; 3. Isabel, to the honourable James Darcy, of Sedbury-park, in com. Ebor. Esq; a younger son of Conyers, lord Darcy. 4. Grace, to George Witham, of Cliff, Esq; 5. Olive, to George Menill, of Alborough, Esq; 6. Elizabeth, to Sir William Dalton, of Hawksworth, Knt. grandfather to the present Sir Charles Dalton, Knt. usher of the black rod. 7. Anne, to Thomas Dalton, Esq; younger brother of the said Sir William; and 8. Dorothy, who died unmarried. This Sir Marmaduke, was sheriff of Yorkshire, in the ninth of Charles I. and suffered greatly in the civil wars for his loyalty to that king, being twice plundered by Oliver Cromwell's troops, besides paying (*c*) 1343*l.* composition for his estate, which was sequestered. He died in 1648.

20. Sir Christopher, son and heir of Sir Marmaduke, was chosen member of parliament for Richmond, in Yorkshire, on the restoration of King Charles II. He married Ursula, eldest daughter of Conyers, lord Darcy, eldest son of the earl of Holderness, and died 1665, leaving three sons, and two daughters; 1. Sir William, who succeeded him. 2. Francis, who was receiver-general of the land-tax for Yorkshire, Durham, and Northumberland, many years, in which post he continued till his death, Oct. 22, 1717, in the seventy-first year of his age: he married Anne, daughter of Sir William Cayley, of Brompton, in Yorkshire, Bart. (who died Feb. 4, 1718, aged seventy-one) by whom he had three daughters; Ursula, married to — Chivers, of Yorkshire, Esq; Barbara, died unmarried, and Frances, now living, unmarried. Christopher, third son of Sir Christopher, was doctor of divinity, and dean of Rippon, in Yorkshire, twenty-four years: he married —, and died, 1710, aged fifty-nine, and lies buried at Rippon, leaving two sons, Christopher, and William: the

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(*a*) Dugdale's Visit. of Yorkshire, fo. 74.
pounders for their estates, in letter W.

(*b*) Ibid.

(*c*) List of com-

two daughters of Sir Christopher Wyvill, Bart. were, Dorothy, married to Charles Tankard, Esq; son and heir of Sir Charles Tankard, of Whixley, in Yorkshire, Knt. and Barbara, married to St. John Thompson, of Crawley, in Bedfordshire, Esq;

21. Sir William Wyvill, Bart. son and heir of Sir Christopher, married Anne, sole daughter of James Brook, of Ellingthorp, in com. Ebor. Esq; (father of Sir James Brook, Bart.) he died, 1684, leaving issue, 1. Sir Marmaduke, his eldest son and successor; 2. D'arcy, who was an officer in the army, and afterwards collector of excise, he died at Derby, Jan. 5, 1734, leaving two sons and a daughter; 3. John, who was one of the prebendaries of St. Paul's, and rector of Orset, in Essex, who died unmarried, June 21, 1717. The two daughters of Sir William were, Priscilla, married to major Kemp, who died 1729, leaving two sons and five daughters; and Ursula, who died unmarried.

22. Sir Marmaduke Wyvill, Bart. the eldest son, who succeeded his father in title and estate, serv'd in parliament as one of the burgesses for Richmond, in Yorkshire, 7 William III. and in the first year of Queen Anne, was constituted one of the commissioners of the duties on salt, from whence he was, that year, removed to be a commissioner of the excise, in which post he continued till his death, anno 1722. He married Henrietta-Maria Yarburgh, (maid of honour to Queen Catherine and Queen Mary,) daughter of Sir Thomas Yarburgh, of Snaith, in Yorkshire, Knt. by Henrietta-Maria, his wife, daughter and coheir of colonel Blagg, of Suffolk; (the other sister and coheir, married Sidney, earl of Godolphin, lord high-treasurer in the reign of Queen Anne, father of the present earl.) This Sir Marmaduke, left issue three sons, and four daughters; 1. Sir Marmaduke, his successor: 2. Thomas, who was one of the commissioners of the hawkers and pedlars, and accomptant-general of the excise; he died unmarried, in 1731. 3. Christopher, who was one of the commissioners of excise for North-Britain, and is at present, comptroller of the excise-cash, in England. He married, in 1723, first, Elizabeth, daughter of captain Stephen Martin Leake, heir to the late admiral Leake, by whom he had six children, but she dying in 1732, left only one daughter, Elizabeth: in the year 1739, he married, secondly, Henrietta, daughter and coheir of Francis Asty, of Black-Notley, in Essex, Hamburgh-merchant, by Elizabeth, his wife, the only surviving sister of Sir Fisher Tench, Bart. Anne, eldest daughter of Sir Marmaduke, was maid of honour to Queen Anne, and married John Wyvill, of Walton upon Thames, in Surry, Esq; late lieutenant-colonel of the duke of Argyle's regiment of horse; she died in 1731, without issue. Margaret, the second daughter, married John Pureell, Esq; yeoman of the robes to his present majesty, when prince of Wales; he died in 1731, leaving

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ing her a widow, without issue. Mrs. Purcell, is laundress of the body, and sempstress to his majesty, and was dresser to the late Queen Caroline. Ursula, the third daughter, married Mr. Landen Jones, and died in 1733, leaving two sons, and a daughter. Mary, the fourth and youngest daughter, married the reverend Mr. Gee, rector of Cherry-Burton, in Yorkshire, and Foxholes, in Derbyshire, who died in 1736, without issue.

23. Sir Marmaduke Wyvill, the present baronet, son and heir of Sir Marmaduke, beforementioned, was appointed post-master-general of Ireland, anno 1736. He married, in 1716, Cary, daughter of Edward Coke, of Holkham, in Norfolk, Esq; and sister to the right honourable the lord Lovell, knight of the Bath; she died in 1732, without issue.

ARMS: Gules, three Chevronels, brac'd in base Vaire, and a Chief, Or.

CREST: On a Wreath, a Wyvern, with the Wings elevated, Argent, breathing Flames, proper.

MOTTO: *Par la volonté de Dieu.*

SEAT: At *Constable-Burton*, and *Osgodby*, both in the county of York.

25. GOSTWICK, of Willington, Bedfordshire.

(WILLIAM, ESQUIRE,)

Created BARONET, Nov. 25, 1612.

THIS ancient family was possessed of Willington, in com. Bedf. in the reign of King Henry III. (a) William de Gostwick being lord thereof, an. 1209, 9 Hen. III. and his son, Hugo Gostwick, in the reign of King Edward I. from whom, after six (b) generations, descended Sir John Gostwick, of Willington, Knt. living in the reign of King Henry VI. John Gostwyck, and William Gostwyck, in 12 Henry VII. were farmers of the fishery of the river Ouse, and of the coney-warren, of Willington (c), as appears by an original account of the manor then belonging to Thomas Howard, earl of Surry.

Sir John Gostwick, Knt. son and heir of Sir John, was (d) trea-

(a) Ex Coll. S. Segar. (b) In Barnes's Edw. III. p. 860. mention is made of William Gostwick, who was taken prisoner, 1373, 47 Edw. III. with several English knights and esquires, by the French, near Soissons, after having fought valiantly. (c) See the original account, in my custody, Peter Le Neve, Norroy, 1727. (d) De Joh. Gostwyke, thesaurio & receptore general. decimar. & fructum primor. de annuitate concessa 21 Hen. VIII. Rymer's Fœd. vol. XVII. inter acta MSS. Hen. VIII. in indice, vol. IV. N. 69. p. 115. and treasurer of first-fruits and tenths, 32 Hen. VIII. vide MSS. subsid. penes Peter Leve, Norroy.

treasurer of the first-fruits and rents to King Henry VIII. and afterwards master of the horse to that king (*a*), and is supposed to lie buried under an ancient tomb, on the north side of a chapel, in the church of Willington, (the burying-place of the family) but the brass at top being taken away, the inscription is lost: he married Margaret, daughter of Oliver, lord St. John (*b*), and had issue by her, John, his son and heir.

Which John Gostwick, lies buried on the south side of the chapel aforesaid, under a large old tomb, with this inscription over it:

Armiger ille Johannes Gostwyke
Hoc Opus fieri fecit: si ergo
Quid valeant pia Vota;
Largire Pater, ut Aeterna fruatur
Posteritate.
1541.

He married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir William Petre, of Ingerstone, in Essex, Knt. and was succeeded in his estate by his son, William Gostwick, Esq; who married Martha, daughter and coheir of Sir Humphrey Ratcliff, of Elstow, in Suffex, Knt. (by his wife Isabel, daughter and heir of Edmund Harvey, of Elstow, Esq;) and sister of Edward Ratcliffe, earl of Suffex, and by her, was father of a son of his own name, who succeeded him in the estate.

Which William Gostwick, Esq; was high sheriff of the (*c*) county of Bedford, 37 Eliz. and was, by King James I. advanced to the dignity of a baronet. He married Jane, daughter and heir of Henry Owen, of Wotton, in com. Bedford, Esq; by whom he had several children; and a noble tomb is erected to his memory, in the middle of the chapel aforesaid, in the church of Willington, the image of a knight in armour, in full proportion, lying thereon, and on the north side of the tomb, this inscription:

Here lyeth the Body of Sir William Gostwyke, Bart. who had to Wife Jane Owen, the Daughter of Henry Owen, Esq; by whom he had Issue seven Sons, and four Daughters. He, with a most christian Resolution, and assured Hope of a joyful Resurrection, departed this Life the 19th of September, 1615, in the 50th Year of his Age: the Lady Jane Gostwyke, his Widow, to perform her last Duty and Love to the sacred Memory of her dear Husband, at her own Cost and Charge, caused this Monument to be erected.

On

(*a*) Ex Inf. Dom. Will. Gostwick, Bar.
Arm.

(*b*) Ex Stemmate Coll. Tho. Jeskyl,

(*c*) Fuller's Worthies in Bedfordshire.

On the south side of the same tomb :

Ask who lies here, and do not weep,
He is not dead, he doth but sleep ;
This stony Register is for his Bones,
His Fame is more perpetual than these Stones:
And his own Goodness with himself being gone,
Shall live when earthly Monuments are none.

Sir Edward Gostwick, his eldest son, was knighted at Whitehall, anno 1607, and succeeded his father in the title and estate, and had sepulture with his ancestors ; and to preserve his memory, a fine monument is erected for him, which shews the images of a knight and his lady, kneeling, in niches in the wall, and underneath, the images of eight children, in the same posture, and the following inscriptions :

In Obitu Domini Edvardi Gostwyke, Equitis &
Baronetti. Chronogramma.

Edvardus Gostwyke, defunctus est 20 Die Sept. A.
D. 1630, Ætat. 42.

In Obitu selectissimæ Dominae,
Chronogramma.

Adproperatq; Viro conjungens Uxor amato,
6to Die Julii, A. D. 1633, Ætat. 42.

* Epitaphion.

Eximium fidei Exemplum, & socialis Amoris,
Gostwyki inscriptum Nomine Marmor habet.
Vixerunt pietate pares, nullisq; secundi,
Alter in alterius totus Amore fuit :
Ille prior fato cessit, ne cederet illa,
Nec tamen illa suo cessit Amore Viro.
Ille ubi sex Annos numerarat terq; quaterq;
Anna, meos vixi, dixit, & occubuit :
Illa ubi complerat dilecti Conjugis Annos,
Vixi, Edvarde, meos, dixit, & occubuit.
Sic Animis vixere pares cum Conjuge Conjux :
Annis, atque Animis ; occubuere pares.

This Sir Edward, by Anne, his wife, daughter of John Wentworth, of Gosfield, in com. Essex. Esq; (and sister to Sir John Wentworth, of the same place, Knt. and Bart.) had issue three sons and five daughters, answering the figures in the aforesaid monument ; the sons were, 1. Sir Edward, his successor. 2. Thomas, who married Elizabeth, daughter of Mynheer Dorislaus, ambassador from Holland to Oliver Cromwell, and died without issue. 3. William, who was born deaf and dumb ; he

was of Cople, in com. Bedford. and dying 1696, was buried at Cople, and by Joane, daughter of Mr. Anthony Wharton, of St. Sepulchres, London; had three sons, William, Edward, and William, who all died young; and two daughters, Mary, who died young, and Anne, married to Mr. Eames, of Northill, in Bedfordshire. The daughters of Sir Edward, were, 1. Elizabeth, married to Francis Reading, of Willington, (a) 2. Mary, married, first, to William Spencer, of Cople, in Bedfordshire, Esq; and secondly, to Sir Clement Armiger, of Cople, Knt. 3. Frances, married to (b) James Mordaunt, Esq; second son of Henry, lord Mordaunt, of Turvey, uncle to Henry, earl of Peterborough. 4. Anne, married to — Thorne; and 5. Jane, married to — Oliver, of St. Neots, in com. Huntingdon.

Sir Edward Gostwick, Bart. eldest son of Sir Edward, succeeded his father in title and estate; he was born deaf and dumb, and married Mary, daughter of Sir William Lytton, of Knebworth, in com. Hertf. Knt. and had issue five sons, and one daughter: Edward, died young, in the life-time of his father: Sir William, was his successor: Charles, John, and Rowland, who all died unmarried, and the daughter also.

Which Sir William Gostwick, Bart. who succeeded his father in title and estate, was elected in several parliaments, one of the knights of the shire for the county of Bedford, viz. from the tenth of King William, to the twelfth year of her late majesty Queen Anne; and having married Mary, daughter of Sir William Boteler, of Watton-Woodhall, in com. Hertf. knight of the Bath, had issue two sons, and three daughters; John; William, who died an infant, as did also Elizabeth, and Mary; and Anne, married to Edward Nelthorpe, Esq; second son of Sir Goddard Nelthorpe, Bart.

John, the eldest son, died in the life-time of his father: he married Martha, daughter of Anthony Hammond, of Cambridge, Esq; of the same family with those of Somersham, in com. Hunt. and left issue two sons, and a daughter; Sir William, successor to his grandfather, and John, who belongs to the customs, at Boston, in Lincolnshire, and married Mary, eldest daughter of Robert Bell, of Bedford, Esq; and relict of — Throckmorton, of Bucks, Esq; by whom he has no issue.

Sir William Gostwick, the present baronet, successor to his grandfather in the title, is an officer in the Irish service; and is as yet unmarried.

ARMS:

(a) Bythe's Visit. of Bedf. p. 15.
p. 83. and Visit. Leic. 1681, p. 128.

(b) La Neve's MSS. of the baronets, vol. I.

ARMS: Argent, a Bend, Gules, between six Cornish Choughs, proper, on a Chief, Azure, three Mulletts, Or.

CREST: On a Torce, a Griphon's Head coup'd, Or, between two Wings, Azure.

26. WRAY, of Glentworth, Lincolnshire.

(Sir WILLIAM, KNIGHT,)

Created BARONET, Nov. 25, 1612.

SIR Christopher Wray, Knt. lord chief-justice of England, father of Sir William, abovementioned, was the first of this family that resided at Glentworth; but his ancestors were anciently seated in the bishoprick of Durham, and afterwards possessed estates in Richmondshire, com. Ebor.

John Wray, of Richmond, by Alice, his wife, daughter of Thomas Clyburn, had issue, Richard, who, by his wife — daughter of John Udall, had issue, Humphry Wray, who married a daughter of — Warcop, and was succeeded in his estate by Robert, his son and heir, who, by his wife, a daughter of John Danby, had issue four sons, William, Thomas, John, and Christopher.

William, the eldest son, had to wife — daughter and heir of — Jackson, of Snydall, in com. Ebor. (a) and had issue several sons and daughters; four of the sons, Christopher, Richard, Thomas, and Leonard, lived to men's estate, and had posterity.

Christopher, the eldest, born in the spacious parish of Bedall, in Yorkshire, and educated in Magdalen-college, Cambridge, was enter'd for the study of the law, at Lincoln's-Inn, and so profited thereby, that he rais'd a considerable fortune, and was, by Queen Elizabeth (who knew well the deserts of her ministers and servants) promoted to the high station of chief-justice of England. He had serv'd for Burrowbridge, in Yorkshire, in all the parliaments (b) called by Queen Mary: and being an eminent lawyer, and well vers'd in parliamentary proceedings, was chosen speaker of the house of commons, in the next reign. 4 Eliz. he was elected autumn-reader (c) to the society of Lincoln's-Inn, to which, persons of great learning were always chosen. The year following, quad-reader of the same society, and was again autumn-reader, 9 Eliz. in which year, on the 18th of June, he was called to

(a) See Visit. of Linc. in off. arm. C. 23, p. 82, of the third part.
E. Willis, Arm.

(c) Dugd. Orig.

(b) Ex Coll.

to the degree of queen's serjeant at law, and soon after knighted, and the 14th of May, 14 Eliz. (a) promoted to be one of the justices of the common-pleas, and two years after, viz. the 8th of November, 16 Eliz. (b) was constituted lord chief-justice of the queen's-bench. He was an upright judge, for tho' he respected every man in his proper station, when he was off the bench, when he was upon it, he had no such regard for the greatest of men, so as to bias his judgment (c). He sat as lord privy-seal, and chief in the court (d), when secretary Davison was sentenced in the star-chamber: he, collecting the censures of all the commissioners, and concurred to fine him, but with this comfortable conclusion (e), 'That it was in the queen's power to have punished him, so her highness might be prevailed with for mitigating or remitting of the fine:' and this our judge, may be presumed, no ill instrument in the procuring thereof. Five particulars, I have heard (f) old men say, he was choice in: 1. his friend, which was always wise and equal: 2. his wife: 3. his book: 4. his secrets: 5. his expression, and garb. By four things, he would say, an estate was kept; 1. by understanding it: 2. by spending not until it comes: 3. by keeping old servants: 4. by a quarterly audit. He was mindful of what is past, observant of things present, and provident for things to come. No better instance whereof need be alledged, than his pathetick discourses in the behalf of those two great stays of this kingdom, husbandry, and merchandize: for he had a clear discerning judgment, and that not only in points of law, which yet his arguments and decisions in that profession manifest without dispute; but in matters of policy and government; as also in the little mysteries of private manage, to which, when you add his happy faculty of communicating himself, by a free and graceful elocution, to charm and command his audience, assisted by the attractive dignity of his presence, you will not admire that he managed his justiceship with so much satisfaction to the court, and that he left it with so much applause from the country: for these two peculiarities he had, that none was more tender to the poor, or more civil in private; and yet none more stern to the rich, I mean, justices of the peace, officers, &c. or more severe in publick. He delighted indeed to be loved, not revered: yet knew he well how to assert the dignity of his place and function, from the approaches of contempt. He died May 8, 1592, after having sat on that bench seventeen years, and filled it with notable sufficiency: his piety, probity, and justice, rendering him rever'd by the greatest men of that

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(a) Pat. 14. Eliz. p. 10.
 nia, vol. VI. p. 607.

(b) Pat. 16. Eliz. p. 9.

(c) Magna Britan-

(d) State Tryals, fo. vol. VII. p. 20.

(e) Lloyd's

statemen and favourites since the reformation, p. 389.

(f) Ibid. p. 391.

age, and his death generally lamented. Her majesty, Queen Elizabeth, had so just a sense of his merits and services, that she gave him the profits of her coinage, 'till he had built that noble house now remaining at Glentworth. He was indulgent to his servants, and charitable to the poor, as appears from his last will and testament, made the 30th of July, anno 1589, wherein he gives to the former, several annuities and legacies, and orders several sums of money to be distributed to the latter, and enjoins his son, William, his heirs and assigns for ever, owners of his manor and lands of Glentworth, to find and maintain six poor persons, of honest conversation and religion, in the alms-house, at Glentworth, [built by him] with ten-pence per week, a gown yearly, and three loads of ash-wood, and three loads of turf, and that the said poor people should have their dinner every Sunday, in Glentworth-hall, if able to come thither, and a house kept, else every one a penny-loaf of bread. And if his son, his heirs, or assigns, make default of payment in form aforesaid, he empowers the dean and chapter of Lincoln, to distrain yearly on the tenants, for the money, wood, &c. and also for three pound every month after such default of payment.

He lived to a great age, had his perfect senses the day he died, and made a codicil to his will, wherein he gave other legacies, and enumerates most of those he had before bequeath'd: he appoints his son sole executor, and the lord-treasurer Burleigh, and solicitor-general Egerton, (after lord-chancellor) supervisors, and left both of them legacies. He lies buried in the chancel of the church of Glentworth, under a noble monument, whereon is the effigies, in full proportion, of a judge in his robes, with his lady by him, and this inscription:

Capital. Justiciar.

Quisquis es (o hospes) Manes reverere sepultos:

Qui jacet hic, nostri Gloria Juris, erat

Christopherus Wrajus, Re justus, Nomine verus;

Quique pia manuit, Cognitione, Fide.

En fuit: En non est: Rapidum rotat omnia Fatum

Heu moritur nobis: ipse sibi superest:

Terram Terra petit: Cinerem Civis; Ætheraque Æther;

Spiritus ætheri possidet Astra Poli.

Obiit Die Sept. Maii

Anno D. 1592,

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He left issue, by Anne, his wife, daughter of Nicholas Gillington, of Normanby, in com. Ebor. Esq; one son, William, and two daughters, Isabel, married first, to Godfrey Foljamb, Esq; secondly, to Sir William Bowes, Knt. thirdly, to John, lord Darcy;

Darcy; and Frances, first married to Sir George St. Paul, of Snarford, Bart. and afterwards, to Robert Rich, earl of Warwick (a).

William, his only son, serv'd in parliament for Grimsby, in his father's life-time, was knighted by Queen Elizabeth, and elected knight of the shire for the county of Lincoln, in the last parliament she called; and by King James I. was created a baronet, 1612. He died the 13th of August, 1617, at Ashby, in the county of Lincoln, (at which seat he chiefly resided after his second marriage, whereby he came possessed of several lordships, in Norfolk and Suffolk) and was buried in that church under a sumptuous marble monument, the effigies of him and his second lady, lying in full proportion thereon.

He had issue by his first wife, Lucy (b), eldest daughter of Sir Edward Montague, of Boughton, in com. Northton, Knt. (ancestor to the dukes of Mountague and Manchester, the earls of Sandwich and Hallifax) ten sons and five daughters. This lady Lucy Wray, lies buried in the north cross, towards the chapter-house, in the cathedral of Lincoln, with this inscription (c):

Unica Libertas Superis.

Gulielmi Wraii, præclari Militis Uxor,
Fæminei sexus Splendor, virtutis imago
Illustri jacet hic, quæ nam sua Lucia Divæ
Lucia quæ luxit terris, nunc lucet Olympo,
Liberâ mente canens divinos cælitus hymnos,
Quos modo dum vixit, tanquam captiva sonabat,
Ac velut ad Patriam exilio revocata triumphat.

On the side of the tablet, before which she kneeleth:

Here lieth Dame Lucy Wray, Daughter of Sir Edward Mountague, in the County of Northampton, Knt. late Wife of Sir William Wray, in the County of Lincoln, Knt. to whom she bore fifteen Children, viz. ten Sons, and five Daughters, and died at Lincoln, the first of March, 1599.

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(a) In *Magna Britannia*, in Lincolnshire, vol. II. p. 1453, the author speaking of Glentworth, says, 'The native place of that pious and charitable gentlewoman, Mrs. Frances Wray, daughter of Sir Christopher, lord chief-justice of the king's-bench; she was first married to Sir George St. Paul, of this county, and then to Robert Rich, first earl of Warwick, of that surname. She was a person of a shining conversation, and eminent bounty, of which, tho' we have not a particular account, yet we can't but name one instead of all, which is, that she was a great benefactress to Magdalen-college, in Cambridge, which her father had before her much improv'd, by not only completing the buildings, but adding three fellowships, and six scholarships. She died in the beginning of King Charles II's reign. In vol. VI. p. 603. he says, she founded in Magdalen-college, one fellowship, and a scholarship, and intended to have laid out 300l. in enlarging the buildings of that college, had not one Hammerton, an old servant, deceived her; she was also a great benefactress to the parish of Bedall, but in what particulars we are not inform'd.' (b) Collins's *Peerage of England*, vol. I. p. 189. and *Visit. of Northton*. by St. George, p. 9. (c) Browne Willis's *survey of Cathedrals*, vol. II. p. 12.

A globe with a naked man upon it :

Fragilis Caro Carcer.

Upon the freeze under the cushion whereon she kneels :

Tu miser hanc defles misero religatus in Orbe ;

Unica Libertas Superis, fragilis Caro Carcer.

Sir William, had by his second wife, Frances, relict of Sir Nicholas Clifford, and daughter to Sir William Drury, of Hawsted, in com. Suff. Knt. lord-deputy of Ireland, and coheir to her brother, Sir Robert Drury, of the same place, Knt. two sons, Sir Christopher, hereafter mentioned, and Charles, who died in Spain, also a daughter, Frances, wife of Sir Anthony Irby, of Boston, in com. Linc. Knt. Of the sons of the first marriage, only Sir John, and Edward, surviv'd to men's estate ; the latter was groom of the bedchamber to King Charles I. and married Elizabeth, sole daughter and heir of Francis, earl of Berkshire, and baron Norris, of Rycot, in com. Oxon. but having no male-issue, only one daughter, Bridget, his sole heir, who married first (a), Edward Sackvil, Esq; second son of Edward, earl of Dorset, by whom she had no issue ; and secondly, Mountague Bertie, earl of Lindsey ; James Bertie, Esq; (eldest son by the said marriage) had the title of baron Norris allowed him, by descent from his mother, at the restoration of King Charles II. and was afterwards created earl of Abingdon, and ancestor to the present earl.

Sir John, (eldest son of Sir William Wray, by his first lady) was knighted in the life-time of his father, and succeeded to the title, and the estate at Glentworth : he serv'd as knight of the shire for Lincoln, in three several parliaments (b), called by King Charles I. and by Griffil (c), daughter and heir of Sir Hugh Bethell, of Ellerton, in com. Ebor. Knt. had issue five sons, and three daughters ; Sir John, Christopher, Theophilus, William, and Bethell ; Frances, who married John Hotham, Esq; son and heir of Sir John Hotham, of Scorburch, in com. Ebor. Bart. Griffil, the wife of Anthony Thorold, of Marston, in com. Linc. Esq; and Theodosia, wedded to Sir Richard Barker, Knt.

Sir John Wray, (eldest son of the last Sir John) married, first, Elizabeth (d), daughter of Sir Henry Willoughby, of Risley, in com. Derby. Bart. and widow of Sir Simon D'Ewes, of Stow-hall, in Suffolk, Bart. and she deceasing without issue, he took to his second wife, Sarah, daughter of Sir John Evelyn, of West-Dean, in com. Wilts, Knt. (who surviving him, remarried to Thomas, viscount Fanshaw, and afterwards, to George, viscount Castleton) by whom he had an only daughter, Elizabeth, who was his heir,

(a) In Collins's Peerage, vol. I. p. 267.

(c) Sir W. Dugdale's Visit. of Yorkshire, fo. 104. B.

(b) Ex Coll. B. Willis, Arm.

(d) Ibid. of Derby, p. 28.

heir, and married the hon. Nicholas Saunderson, Esq; (eldest son of Sir George Saunderson, Bart. lord viscount Castleton, of the kingdom of Ireland) who had issue by her Wray Saunderson, who married Mary, eldest daughter of the earl of Rockingham, and died without children; Elizabeth, his mother, surviving, who was possessed of the Glentworth estate on the death of her father, Sir John Wray, Bart. all his brothers dying without issue, so that the male line of the first marriage of Sir William (the first created to the title of baronet) being extinguish'd, the said dignity descended to the heirs of the said Sir William, by his second wife, Frances, daughter of Sir William Drury, Knt. and,

Having already mentioned that Sir Christopher was the only surviving son of the said marriage, all that I shall farther observe of him, is, that by settlement of his father, he was possessed of the estate at Ashby (a), in com. Lincoln. and was likewise denominated of Barlings, in the said county. He received the honour of knighthood from King James, serv'd in several parliaments, and by his wife Albina, second daughter and coheir to Edward Cecil, viscount Wimbledon, third son of the earl of Exeter, had issue four sons, Sir William, Edward, Sir Drury, and Cecil, who married the daughter of — Cressy, of Briggsley, in com. Linc. Esq; by whom he had one son, William, and one daughter who died unmarried: William, his only son, married Isabella, one of the daughters and coheirs of John Ullithorne, of Slemingford, in the county of York, Esq; by whom he had issue three sons; Sir John, hereafter mention'd; William, and Cecil, and four daughters.

Sir William Wray, of Ashby, the eldest son, born about the year 1625, was advanced to the dignity of a baronet, June 27, 1660, in the twelfth year of King Charles II. at which time he serv'd in parliament for Grimsby, and departing this life, 1670, had issue by his wife, Olympia, daughter to Sir Humphrey Tufton, Knt. and Bart. (a younger son to John, earl of Thanet) six daughters, that became his coheirs; 1. Margaret, married to the reverend Dr. Jeffries, prebendary of Canterbury, brother to the lord-chancellor Jeffries: 2. Tufton, married to Sir James Montague, Knt. lord chief-baron of the exchequer, (and brother to Charles, late earl of Hallifax:) 3. Drury, married to Sir William Sanderson, of Combe, in Greenwich, Bart. usher of the black rod: 4. —, married to — Lewis, and two that died unmarried: and four sons, Sir Christopher, Edward, William, and Drury, who all died without issue.

Sir Christopher, the eldest, succeeded his father in the title and estate; and on the death of his cousin, Sir John Wray, of Glentworth, succeeded in that baronetship; but dying without issue, the patent his father received from King Charles II. became ex-

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tinct;

(a) Visit. of Linc. C. 23. fo. 82, 83.

tinct; and the title by the first patent, descended to his cousin, Sir Baptist-Edward Wray, son of Edward, (second son of Sir Christopher Wray, Knt. beforementioned) by his wife, Dorothy, daughter and heir of Hannibal Horsley, of the isle of Wight, Esq; and widow of the honourable — Fane, Esq;

Which Sir Baptist-Edward Wray, died likewise without issue; whereupon, the title came to his uncle, Sir Drury Wray, third son of Sir Christopher, eldest son (by the second venturer) of the first Sir William Wray, Bart. beforementioned.

Which Sir Drury Wray, Bart. was born in Lincolnshire, July 29, 1633, and became possessed of a fair estate of inheritance in Ireland, by marriage with Anne, daughter and heir of Thomas Casey, of Rathcannon, in the county of Limerick, Esq; (by his wife Bridget, daughter and coheir of Sir John Dowdall, Knt.) he had issue by her three sons; Sir Christopher, William, (who died in the life-time of his father) and Sir Cecil, with several daughters. Sir Drury, died the 30th of October, 1710, and was buried in the church of Clonara, in com. Limeric.

Sir Christopher, his eldest son, succeeded to the title and estate, as also to his mother's estate in Ireland. He was in arms for his majesty King William, at the battle of the Boyne, and other actions in that kingdom; and afterwards serv'd in the wars in Flanders, Spain, and Portugal, in the reign of Queen Anne, being lieutenant-colonel in general Farrington's regiment, and eminently distinguished himself at the head of his regiment, at the attack of Ostend. In the year 1710, he was preparing to go again for Spain, and being at Portsmouth to embark with the fleet, died there, unmarried, Nov. 21, 1710, and was interr'd in the church of that town. He was a sober, discreet gentleman, and had behav'd himself with great conduct and bravery in all the actions wherein he was concerned; which, together with a gentleman-like behaviour, won him the regard of his superiors, and the esteem of all that knew him. Upon his death, the title and estate devolv'd on Sir Cecil, his only brother.

Which Sir Cecil Wray, Bart. was a captain in the same regiment with his brother, and serv'd in Flanders, Spain, and Portugal, and high sheriff of Lincolnshire, 1720. Lady Elizabeth Saunderson, beforementioned, (who died at York, April 7, 1714) having left him a considerable estate in the counties of Norfolk and Yorkshire, being part of the ancient inheritance of the Wray's, of Glentworth. He married Mary, daughter of Edward Harrison, of Morely, in the county of Antrim, in Ireland, Esq; (by Johanna, his wife, daughter of the right reverend Dr. Jeremiah Taylor, bishop of Drummore, Downe and Connor, in that kingdom) by whom he had no issue; and dying, May, 1736, was succeeded in the title, and part of the estate, by his cousin,
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Sir John Wray, Bart. eldest son of William, the only son of Cecil, the fourth son of Sir Christopher Wray, Bart. by Albina, daughter and coheir of Edward, lord viscount Wimbleton, before mentioned.

Which Sir John Wray, the present baronet, married Frances, daughter of Fairfax Norcliffe, of Langton, in the east-riding of Yorkshire, Esq; by whom he hath issue, now living, Cecil, John, Mary, Isabella, and Frances.

ARMS: Azure, on a Chief, Or, three Martlets, Gules.

CREST: On a Wreath, an Ostrich, Or.

MOTTO: *Et juste et vray*,

SEATS: At *Helgay-Woodball*, in *Norfolk*; and *Sleningford*, in the West-riding of *Yorkshire*.

27. AYLOFFE, of Braxted-Magna, Essex.

(Sir WILLIAM, KNIGHT,)

Created BARONET, Nov. 25, 1612.

THE ancient seat and habitation of this family, [which is of Saxon extraction,] was at Bocton-Aloph (*a*), near Wye, in the county of Kent, of which town they were possessed, in the reign of Henry III. and which place, as Mr. Philipot observes (*b*), 'had that appellative distinction united to its name, to intimate to us, that in the Saxons time, it owned the jurisdiction of one Alulphus, a Saxon.' From this Alulphus, descended — Aliff (*c*), a person of great note, and portreave of London, in the time of Edward, the confessor. And, that it was a family in Kent, appears from Mr. Weaver's funeral monuments, who cites this old epitaph, in Milton-church (*d*):

Thomas Aylefe, Esqir, and Margaret hys Wyff
Ly undir this playn Ston,
God grant hem evirlastyng Lyff,
To whom we hop thar gon.
He dyed as her ys to be sine,
One thowfand five hundryd thirty-nine
Who so that for ther Sowles will pray,
God give hem meede at Doomyfday.

About the reign of King Henry VI. John Ayloff (*e*), was seated at Hornchurch, in the county of Essex, and by Anne, his wife, daughter to Thomas West, Esq; had issue, Thomas Ayloff, of the same place, and of Sudbury, in Suffolk, a man of great fame,

(*a*) Ex stemmate hujus familie penes Dom. Jos. Ayloffie, Bar. (*b*) Vill. Cant. p. 85.
(*c*) Ex litteris patentibus Edw. Confes. in Turre London. (*d*) Weaver's Monuments, p. 282. (*e*) Ex Coll. Tho. Jekyll, Arm.

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fame, and large possessions, in the counties of Essex, and Suffolk, living temp. Ed. IV. (a) who had issue by Agnes, his wife, daughter to William Birch, (by Alice, his wife, daughter to Roger Grice, of Norfolk,) a son, William, and a daughter, Agnes, married to Sir John Bruges, lord-mayor of London, 13 Henry VIII. and by whom, she had Anthony Bruges, from whom the barons of Chandos, are descended, and Winifred Bruges, married to Sir Richard Sackville, of Buckhurft, father of Sir Thomas Sackville, baron Buckhurft, and earl of Dorset (b).

William Ayloff, who succeeded in the estate, had his sepulture under the altar, in Hornchurch, with this inscription to preserve his memory :

‘ Off your Charitie py for the Soule of Willm
‘ Ayloff, Gentyلمان, Owner of the Mannor of
‘ Brytensse yn the Cownty of Essex, within the
‘ Lordshippe of Havering of the Bower, and also
‘ Owner of Grete-Braksted, with diversse other to
‘ him belonging. Which Willm, weddyd Au-
‘ dery, daughter to Sir John Shawe, Knight and
‘ Alderman of London, and had iij Children by the
‘ said Audery, Willm, Thomas, and Agnes, which
‘ decessid the xth day of August, the yer of our
‘ Lord God M^CCVII. the ix yeare of the Rayn
‘ of King Henry the viij. and lyeth buried under this
‘ Ston. On whose Soule, and all Christen Soules,
‘ Ihu have Mercy; and for your Charitie say a
‘ Later Noster and Ave. (c)

Thomas (d), the youngest of the two sons mentioned in the said inscription, was a merchant, free of the company of barber-furgeons, in London; and when Bridge-ward was finish’d, 4 Ed. VI. the first elected alderman of it: he was afterwards knighted, and died 1 and 2 Philip and Mary (e), seiz’d of the manor of Nether-Chiful, alias, Little-Chiful, in com. Suff. with the advowson of the church.

He lies buried in the chancel of St. Michael-Bassishaw church, where the following inscription, (on a marble tomb,) was placed over him (f):

In Chirurgery brought up in youth,
A Knight here lieth dead;
A Knight, and eke a Surgeon such,
As England feld hath bred.

For

(a) Ex stem. præd. (b) Ex stemmate familie penes Dem. Jos. Ayloff, Bart.
(c) Taken from the original brass, now in the possession of Sir Jos. Ayloff, Bart. this brass was, by some of Oliver’s soldiers taken from the monument, and by them sold to a person, who had been a servant in Sir William Ayloff’s family, who, after the restoration, return’d the brass. (d) On his monument in Bassishaw-church, he is called, John.
(e) Edw. 1, 2 Phil. & Mary. (f) Stow’s Survey of London, vol. I. book 3, p. 67.
and Maitland’s Survey of London, p. 464.

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For which so soveraigne Gift of God,
 Wherein he did excell,
 King Henry VIIIth call'd him to Court,
 Who lov'd him dearly well.
 God gave the gift, the King gave Goods,
 The Gift of God t'enhance;
 Where God and such a Prince do joyne,
 Such Man hath happy Chance.
 King Edward, for his service sake,
 Bade him rise up a Knight,
 A Name of Praise, and ever since,
 He Sir John Ailife hight,
 Right worshipful, in Name and Charge,
 In London liv'd he than;
 In Blackwell-hall, the Merchant chiefe,
 First Sheriffe, then Alderman,
 The Hospitals bewaile his death,
 The Orphan-Children mone,
 Their chief Erector being dead,
 And Benefactor gone.
 Dame Isabell, who liv'd with him
 His faithful Wife and Make
 With him (as dearest after death)
 Doth not her Knight forsake.
 The Knight, the 24th of October (a),
 Yeilded up his Breath:
 And the soone after followed,
 To live with him in Death.

He left William, his son and heir, by his wife Elizabeth, (or Isabel) daughter of Thomas, and sister of Sir Edward Walsingham, Knt. who had issue, a son of his own name, William Ayloff, Esq; who was brought up to the study of the law, in Lincoln's-Inn, and elected to the degree of a serjeant (b), in Michaelmas term, 19 Eliz.

William Ayloff, Esq; eldest brother to the aforefaid Sir Thomas (or John,) succeeded to the lordships of Brittons, Great-Braxted, &c. was high sheriff of Essex and Hertfordshire (c), 6 Eliz. and left issue, by Agnes, his wife, daughter to Sir Thomas Bernardiston, of Ketton, in com. Suffolk, Knt. (by Anne, daughter of Sir Thomas Lucas, of Colchester, in Essex, Knt.) William, his son and heir.

Which William, was high sheriff of the county of Essex, 36 Eliz. and made one of the judges of the king's-bench, 20 Eliz. and having married Jane, daughter to Eustace Sulyard, of Flemings, in com. Suff. Esq; had issue three sons; 1. William: 2. Thomas, who married Mary Guicciardine, of the family of the Guic-

(a) 1548.
 Worthies in Essex.

(b) Dugdale's Chron. Series, p. 95.

(c) Fuller's

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Guicciardines, of Florence, and was father to Guicciardine Ayloff, secretary of the dutchy of Lancaster: 3. George, who died without issue; and one daughter, Margaret, wife to Edmund Broom, Esq; of Oxfordshire.

Sir William Ayloff, Knt. (eldest son and heir of the last William,) succeeded to the estate, and residing at Braxted-Magna, was knighted by King James I. at the charter-house, with many more, on his first arrival at London, and was afterwards advanced by the said king, to the degree of a baronet, 1612. He married three wives; first, Catherine, daughter and coheir to John Sterne, of Melburne, in Cambridgeshire, Esq; and had issue by her, three sons, and four daughters; Mary, wife of Sir Anthony Thomas, of Cobham (a), in Surry, Knt. Elizabeth, wife of Gervase Lee, of Norwell, in com. Nott. Esq; Anne, who died S. P. and Jane, wedded to Edward Kighley, of Grays, in Essex, Esq; Of the sons, William, the eldest, died in the life-time of his father, in the West-Indies. Sir Benjamin, second son, succeeded in the title and estate. James, third son, had his mother's estate, at Melburne, in Cambridgeshire (b): and from his first wife, Jane, daughter to Sir William Hennis, of Shenfield, in com. Essex. Knt. descended William Ayloff, of Basingburn, in com. Cantab. Esq; and by his second wife, Elizabeth, daughter to Tho. Penyston, of Rochester, Esq; Thomas Ayloff, doctor of the civil laws, deceased.

Sir William Ayloff, Bart. by his second wife, Barbara, daughter and heir of Thomas Sexton, had two sons that lived to man's estate; 1. Thomas, of Gray's-Inn, Esq; who had in marriage, Elizabeth, daughter to Edward Wentworth, of Bocking, in Essex, Esq; and was father to Benjamin Ayloff, of Gray's-Inn, Esq; who married Victoria, daughter to Alexander Ereskin, Esq; son to John, earl of Mar, in Scotland. John, second son, was a colonel in the West-Indies, and died, leaving no children.

Sir William, by Alice, his third wife, daughter of — Stokes, had issue a son, Joseph, who was also of Gray's-Inn, and married Frances, daughter of Henry Ayscough, of Yorkshire, Esq; and left issue, first, Jos. Ayloff, of Gray's-Inn, Esq; barrister at law; second, William; and five daughters, Alice, Barbara, Anne, Margaret, and Mary.

Sir Benjamin Ayloff, Bart. eldest son of Sir William, was eminent for his loyalty to King Charles I. who appointed him high sheriff of the county of Essex, on the commencement of the civil war, as a person in whom he could confide, and Sir Benjamin, faithfully discharged the trust reposed in him, by endeavouring with all his interest, to hinder the effects of the ordinance of

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(a) Sir E. Bythe's Visit. of Surry, p. 356.
of Camb.

(b) Sir Hen. St. George's Visit.

parliament, for settling the militia in that county; but being overpowered by the prevalent party, he was imprisoned in the Tower, had his estate sequester'd, and was afterwards sent to Yarmouth, with many more, to be banished to the plantations in the West-Indies; but that cruel order being recall'd, he had the satisfaction, after many hardships, to see the restoration of the royal family, and serv'd in parliament as one of the knights of the shire for Essex, in the first parliament after the king returned. He departed this life about the year 1663, having (as his father) married three wives; by Alice, the first wife, daughter of — Archdale, Esq; and likewise by the last, Margaret, daughter of — Porter, Esq; he had no issue that surviv'd by Margaret, his second lady, daughter of Thomas Fanshawe, Esq; remembrancer of the exchequer, and sister to Sir Henry Fanshawe, Knt. father of Thomas, viscount Fanshawe, of Ware-park, in the county of Hertford, he had one daughter, Catherine, wife of Thomas Hardwick, of Leeds, in com. Ebor. Esq; and three sons; 1. Sir William; 2. Sir Benjamin; 3. Henry, who had to wife, Dorothy, daughter and heir of Richard Bulkeley, of Chedle, in com. Cestr. Esq; and was father to Sir John Ayloffe, of Stanford-Rivers, in Essex, the last baronet.

Sir William, the eldest son and heir of Sir Benjamin, embark'd with his father in the service of King Charles I. and was colonel of a regiment in Colchester, when it was besieged and surrendered. He married Anne, daughter to Peter Orbye, of Burton-Pedwarden, in com. Linc. and Chertsey, in Surry, Esq; and relict of Frederick de la Tremoville, count de Lavall and Benon, baron de Moleon and Didon, in the kingdom of France, brother to the duke of Tremoville, who bore him two sons; Benjamin, who died an infant, and William, who deceased at the age of eighteen years, A. D. 1664, in the life-time of his father, who departed this life, in the year 1675, whereupon the title descended to Sir Benjamin, his brother and heir.

Which Sir Benjamin Ayloffe, Bart. was an eminent merchant of the city of London, and having married Martha, daughter to Sir John Tyrrel, of Heron, in Essex, Knt. had one son, John, who died about the age of twenty, unmarried; and two daughters, Margaret, married to the reverend Mr. Jenks, minister of St. Dunstan's, in the West, London, and Martha, the wife of Mr. John Preston, of London, merchant. This Sir Benjamin, died March 5, 1722, being succeeded by his nephew,

Sir John Ayloffe, of Stanford-Rivers, in Essex, Bart. son of Henry, (younger brother of Sir Benjamin,) by Dorothy, daughter of Richard Bulkeley, of Chedle, in Cheshire, Esq; and died December 10, 1730, unmarried, and was succeeded in dignity and estate, by,

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Sir Joseph Ayloffe, Bart. (a) son and heir of the last Joseph Ayloffe, of Gray's-Inn, Esq; barrister at law, (by Mary, daughter of Bryan Ayliffe, citizen and merchant of London,) and great grandson of Sir William Ayloffe, Bart. by Alice, his third lady.

Which Sir Joseph Ayloffe, the present baronet, married Margaret, daughter and sole heir of Thomas Railton, of Carlisle, in the county of Cumberland, Esq; and hath issue one son, named Joseph.

ARMS: Sable, a Lion rampant, Or, between three Crosses, Forme of the second.

CREST: On a Wreath, a Demi-Lion, rampant, Or.

MOTTO: *Vive ut vivas.*

SEAT: At *Aeton*, in the county of *Middlesex*.

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(FRANCIS, ESQUIRE,)

Created BARONET, Nov. 25, 1612.

THIS very ancient family, according to Camden (b), sur-named from the town of Englefield, or Englesfeld, in Berkshire, are said to be possessed thereof, in the second year, of the reign of King Egbert, 264 years before the Norman conquest, in the year of the Lord 803; at which time was an oratory, as appears by a terrier of the land belonging to the same, where it is called *Cantaria de Englesfeld*. This family has been always reputed of Saxon extraction, as indeed, the ancient writing of the name, De Engelfelt, and their being fix'd at Englesfeld, aforesaid, in the Saxons time, seem to indicate: the writing thereof has varied, according to the variations in our spellings, and is found in the ancient records of the family, Engelfelt, Inglefeld, Englesfyld, Englefield, &c.

In several pedigrees, Hasculfus de Englesfyld, is first mentioned, as lord of Englesfyld (c), about the time of King Canutus (d), and also in the fourth year of Harold I. or Harefoot, and in the reign of Hardicnute, and died in the days of St. Edward the confessor. This Hasculf, purchased an hide of land, in Englesfeld, of Hasculf de Pinkeny, to which deed, Hely Englesfeld, son to another Hasculf Englesfeld, was a witness.

Guy,

(a) Ex infor. Dom. Jos. Ayloffe, Bar. (b) See Camden's Britannia. (c) Ex Coll. Tho. Jekyll, de Bocking, Ar. & Visit. Com. Berks, &c. (d) Philipot, in his *Villare Cantium*, p. 126. says, the manor of Mortimers, in the parish of Cowling, in Kent, went from the Mortimers, to the Inglefields, a noble family, in Berkshire, descended from Hasculfus de Inglefield, who flourished about the latter end of King Canutus, and for this he quotes, *ex ceteri retulo familie de Inglefield*. And here, (says he,) in this name did the title settle, till about the latter end of Henry VII. and then it was alienated to John Sidley, Esq; auditor to that prince.

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Guy, (son and heir of Hasculf,) lived temp. William I. and was father to Hely de Englefeld, temp. Will. II. who had issue two sons, William, and Peter; the former gave the parsonage of Englefeld, to the abby of Reading; Joseph, then abbot, in the reign of King Henry I. as appears by his deed, sans date, sealed with the seal of the said William; which recites, that he gave the said parsonage to the said Joseph, and the convent there, and their successors, in consideration that his ancestors, in time past, had done so, long before his days.

This gift of the church of Englefeld, soon after is mentioned in a charter of King Henry II. wherein he confirms the several donations to the abbot of Reading, but without notice of the donor's name (a).

This William, had three sons; Sir William, who died without issue; Sir Alan Englefeld, and Thomas.

William, (son and heir to Sir Alan,) is commemorated temp. Rich. I. and was father to John Englefeld, of Englefeld, who had issue, Sir William Englefeld, whom I take to be the same person mentioned with Geoffry de Leuknors, in an inquisition to enquire about lands, given by King John, to Margery de Lacy, to found the priory of Acornbury (b), in com. Hertf. and by the name of William de Englefeld, is recorded as one of the justices itinerant for the counties of Suffex, Southampton, and Wilts, anno 1255, 39 Henry III. and for Norfolk, and Suffolk, 41 Hen. III. 1257, and 46 Henry III. 1262, for Bedford, Essex, Hertford, and Kent; and 47 Henry III. 1263, for Southampton, and Wilts (c).

Sir John de Englefeld, was his son and heir, and died 4 Ed. I. he was also lord of Shiplake, Ascott, &c. whose son, Sir William, died in France, in the reign of King Edward I. having had issue, Sir Roger Englefeld, Andrew, and William.

Sir Roger, aforesaid, was returned one of the knights for Berkshire, in the parliament held 6 Edward II. (d) and dying 36 Ed. III. left, by Joan, his wife, a daughter, Alice, married to Mortely, and two sons, Sir Philip, and William.

Sir Philip, as eldest son, enjoy'd the ancient inheritance, and died 3 Richard II. but from Joan, his wife, proceeded three sons; 1. Sir John; 2. Philip, of whom hereafter; and 3. Nicholas Englefeld, of Ricot, in com. Oxon. Esq; comptroller of the household to King Richard II. who married Jane, daughter and heir of John Clark, of Lanynton-Gernon, and died April 1, 1415, as appears by his epitaph, in Ashdon-church, in Essex (e):

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(a) Mon. Ang. vol. I. p. 418.
Chron. ser. de eod. reg.

(b) Ibid. vol. II. p. 330.

(c) Origin. jurid.

(d) Prynn's Register, p. 442.

(e) Weaver's Mon. p. 650.

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Here lyth Nicholas Englefeld, Esquyr, sometime
Controler of the Houſe to King Rychard II. who
died the first of April, in the Yere of Graſe,
M.cccc.xv. whos Soul, Jesu perdon. Amen,
Amen, Amen.

Which Nicholas, left only two daughters and coheirs, Cicely,
married to William Fowler, and Sibil, to Richard Quatermains,
with whom the estate of Ricot, aforeſaid, paſſed to the Quater-
mains, and with them, to the Bertie's, now earls of Abingdon.

Sir John Englefeld, aforeſaid, ſerv'd in parliament as knight of
the ſhire for Berks (a), 21 of King Richard II. He had poſterity
to the third generation; but then the line expiring without iſſue
male, the eſtate came to the deſcendants of his brother,

Philip, who, by Alice, daughter and heir of Walter Roſſale,
ſiſter and heir to (b) Sir John Roſſale, Knt. had the iſle of Roſſel,
Udlington, Eton, and Yeagden, in com. Salop, and had iſſue a
daughter, Philippe, married to Edward Brudenel, of Ayno, in com.
Northton, Eſq; ancestor to the earls of Cardigan; and two ſons,
Philip Englefeld, Eſq; and Robert, of whom hereafter; Philip,
the eldeſt ſon, was high ſheriff of Berkhire (c), 8 Henry VI. and
lies buried in the ſouth iſle, near the entrance into Englefeld-
church, where is a grave-ſtone, and fixed to it a plate of braſs,
and thereon the figure of a man, drawn in a gown, and under him
an inſcription, as follows (d):

Hic jacet
Philippus Englefeld, Armig.
Dominus de Englefeld,
Qui obiit ix die Julii, Anno Dom.
MCCCCXXXIX.
Cujus Anime propicietur Deus,
Amen.

'Tis preſumed he died unmarried, or without iſſue; for his
brother, Robert, ſucceeded him in the lordſhip of Englefeld, and
died 13 Edward IV. John, his eldeſt ſon, died in his life-time,
leaving iſſue, by Joan, daughter to John Milborn, of London,
one ſon, Thomas, heir to his grandfather: this John, lies buried
in Englefeld-church, where, on a marble grave-ſtone, laid higher
in the ſaid iſle, is the portraiture of a man, cut in braſs, habited
in a gown, with a pouch at his ſide, and holding up his hands in
the poſture of praying; at his feet, this epitaph, in old black cha-
racters (e):

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(a) Prynn's parl. regiſt. p. 443. (b) See the partition of Sir John Roſſale's lands,
between Eleanor, married to Sir Nicholas Dagworth, and Alice, married to Philip de En-
glefeld, Dorſ. Claſſ. 4 Hen. V. N. 19. & Claſſ. 9 Hen. IV. M. 11. Le Neve's MSS.
vol. I. p. 75. (c) Fuller's Worthies in Berks. (d) Aſhmoles Berks, vol. I. p. 16.
(e) Ibid. p. 17.

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Hic jacet Johannes Englefield, Filius &
Hares Roberti Englefield, generosi, qui obiit
xxvi. Die Feb. Anno Dom. MCCCCCLIV.
Cujus Anime propicietur Deus. Amen.

Which Thomas, aforementioned, received, with many more, the honour of knighthood (a), on the marriage of prince Arthur, son to Henry VII. having, anno 1496, been elected speaker of the house of commons, and was made judge or justice of Chester (b), Aug. 20, 19 Henry VII. which he held till his death, and was speaker of the first parliament called by King Henry VIII. He had sepulture on the north side of the chancel of the church of Englefield, under a fair grey marble monument (c), at the head of which, in plates of brass, is the portraiture of a knight, kneeling, in compleat armour, over which, is a surcoat of his arms (d). Behind him are the figures of five sons, kneeling, his wife was also kneeling opposite, before another seldstool, but the brass is now torn away, and out of his mouth proceeds this scrole, *O bone Jesu, tu novisti, & potes & vis bonum animabus nostris; nos nec novimus, nec possumus.* Out of hers, in a like scrole, *Tu, pro pietate tua ineffabili, nobiscum dispones, secundum quod noveris tibi velle, & nobis prodesse.* What remain'd of that epitaph, as it was taken by Mr. Ashmole, in 1665, was,

Here lyeth sure Thomas Englefilde. —
Margery his Wyffe, the whych sure —
The 3d day of April, the yere of our —v & xiiii
On whos Soules Jhesu have —

i. e. 1514, (about the 6th Henry VIII.) in which year, the chapel on the north side of the church was built, as appears by an inscription in the north window.

The aforesaid Margery, was daughter to Sir Richard Danvers, of Prescot, Knt. and of his sons, I find, Richard, died without issue-male; and Thomas, succeeded to the inheritance; and of his daughters, Elizabeth, married Robert White; Joan, to Henry Lenham; Anne, to William Delabere, and Margaret, to John Lyngen, Esqrs.

Thomas Englefeld, eldest surviving son and heir, underwent the office of high sheriff of Berkshire, and Oxfordshire, 11 Hen. VIII. and having been educated at the Middle-Temple, was, the next year, autumnal reader, and the year after, called to the dignity of the coif (e), by the King's letters patent, dated (Decemb.

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(a) Nom. Milit. in Bibl. Cotton. (b) Thomas Englefield, Miles, was judge of Chester, uno comitatu apud Cestriam, hac vice tantum: tenendum in omnibus quæ ad officium pertinent, prout habuit in tempore quo fuit locum tenens Thomæ comitis Derbiæ, 20 Augusti, 19 Hen. VII. Sir Peter Leycester's antiquities of Cheshire, p. 176. (c) Ex Mon. de com. Berks. in Bibl. Ashm. dorf. 853. (d) Ashmole's antiq. Berks. vol. I. p. 7. (e) Origin. juridic.

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3, 15 Hen. VIII.) at Hampton-court (a). He had 100l. per ann. granted him for life, and three years after was constituted one of the justices of the common-pleas. He was knighted, and departed this life, 1537, as a memorial (on the right side of the east window, on the wall in the church of Englefield,) on brass plates, evidences; containing the figures of him and his lady, kneeling at a faldstool; he, in his judicial robes; she, in a surcoat of her arms, and both kneeling, with three sons behind him, and nine daughters behind her. Out of the judge's mouth, the following scrole (b); *Benedic anima mea, Domino, & omnia, que infra me sunt, nomini sancto ejus. Benedic anima mea, Domino, & noli oblivisci omnes retributiones ejus.* Out of her mouth, *O beata, benedicta, & gloriosa Trinitas, Pater, & Filius, & Spiritus sanctus: Tibi laus, tibi gloria, tibi gratiarum actio.*

Above the figure, is the quarter'd arms of the family, and under them this inscription (c):

Here lyeth
Sir Thomas Englefyld, Knt.
Son and Heir to
Sir Thomas Englefyld, Knt.
Hereby lying,
And one of the King's Justices
Of the Comyn Place; and Dame Elizabeth, hys Wyffe: the
Whych Sir Thomas, decessyd
The xxviii. day of September,
In the Yeare of our Lord God,
MCCCCXXXVII.
On whos Soule,
And all Chrysten Soules,
Jhesu have Mercy, Amen.

The said Elizabeth, was daughter to Sir Robert Throckmorton, of Coughton, in com. Warw. Knt. who bore him three sons; Sir Francis; John, hereafter mentioned; and Thomas; and nine daughters; of which, Anne, married Humphry Coningsby, Esq; ancestor to the earls of Coningsby; Susan, to Humphry Burdet, Esq; and Margaret, first, to George Carew, Esq; secondly, to Sir Edward Saunders, Knt. (d), lord chief-baron of the exchequer, temp. Eliz.

Sir Francis the eldest son, succeeded to the inheritance, and purchased Erdington (e), in com. Warw. he was high sheriff of the counties of Berkshire, and Oxfordshire, at the death of Henry VIII. and the first year of Edward VI. and was knighted 22 Feb. of the same year: he was one of the chief officers in the prince's Mary's

(a) Sir Peter Leicester, in his antiquities of Cheshire, p. 176. puts this Quere, If there were not Thomas Englefield's father and son, who succeeded one another; the son from 6 Hen. VIII. (b) Ashmole's antiq. of Berks, vol. I. p. 10. (c) Ibid. p. 11. (d) Le Neve's MSS. vol. I. p. 75. Mr. Bridges, in his Northamptonshire, p. 31. makes her daughter of Sir Francis, which I take to be a mistake. (e) Dugd. Warw. vol. II. p. 891.

Mary's family ; and was one of those sent for by the protector, and council, to forbid them hearing or saying mass in the princess's house (a) ; but refusing to deliver such orders, and submitting rather to any punishment, he, together with Sir Robert Rochester, Sir — Walgrave, and Dr. Francis Mallet, her chaplain, were committed for many months to prison.—Upon Queen Mary's accession to the crown, he was, in consideration of his faithful services, made one of her privy-council, and master of the wards, and had the manor and park of Fulbrook (b), in the county of Warwick, granted to him, to hold *in capite*, being part of the lands forfeited by the attainder of John Dudley, duke of Northumberland. He was likewise knight of the shire for the county of Berks (c), in every parliament held by Queen Mary ; but on Queen Elizabeth's accession to the throne, he being extremely attach'd to his religion, and the interest of Mary, Queen of Scots, did, with the lord Morley, Sir Thomas Gage, Sir Thomas Shelley, and others, leave the kingdom, and retire beyond sea (d), where continuing to be a most industrious agent, to solicit the cause of the Queen of Scots, both to his holiness, and the catholic King (e), he incurr'd the Queen's displeasure, and tho' he quitted the realm with her licence, he was, in 6 Eliz. indicted in the King's-bench for treason, committed at Nemures, *in partibus transmarinis*, and outlaw'd, and afterwards was attainted and convicted of high treason, at the parliament 29 Oct. 28 Eliz. and all his manors, lands, and vast possessions, &c. were declared forfeited to the Queen (f) ; but the said Sir Francis, having by indenture of the 18th of Eliz. settled his manor and estate of Englefield, on Francis, his nephew, with power notwithstanding, of revoking his grant, if he, during his natural life, should deliver or tender to his nephew a gold ring, with intent to make void the uses of his said settlement, various disputes and points of law arose, whether the said manor and estate of Englefield, were forfeited to the Queen ; for which, we beg leave to refer our readers to Englefield's case at large, in Sir Edward Coke's Reports (g), and shall only observe, that after various arguings, the case not being clear, the Queen, in the next parliament, scil. 35 Eliz. had a special act of parliament to confirm the attainder, and establish the forfeiture of his manors, lands, &c. to her, her heirs, and assigns ; enacting, that the Queen should take the advantage of revocating an assurance, with a condition made by him upon the tender of a ring of gold to his nephew, &c. (h) and the Queen, in consequence, tendering by R. Broughton, and H. Bouchier, the ring to Englefield,

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(a) See the princess Mary's letter, in Fox, Stripe's Animadversions, Goodwin's Ann. Heylin's Reformation, &c. (b) Dugdale's Warw. vol. II. p. 670. (c) Not. Parl.

(d) Camden's Eliz. (e) Fuller's Worthies in com. Berks. (f) See Englefield's Case at large, in Coke's Reports, p. vii. fo. 11. (g) Ibid. (h) See the said case, and the Statutes at large, vol. II. p. 290.

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field, the nephew, seiz'd on and confiscated the said manors and estate, and many other possessions. By this act of power, the manor and estate of Englefeld, which had now been upwards of 780 years in the family, were taken from the same, and forfeited to the crown. Sir Francis, retired to Valladolid, in Spain, where he was a bountiful benefactor to the English college (a), and being worn out with persecution and years, died, and was buried there, about 1592, where his grave is shewn with respect to English travellers going thither. He married Catherine, daughter and heir of Sir Thomas Fettiplace, of Compton-Beauchamp, in the vale of Berks; but dying without issue, the family was continued by his brother, John Englefeld, lord of Wotton-Basset, in Wiltshire, who had issue one son, named Francis, by Margaret, his wife, daughter of Sir Edward Fitton, of Gawsworth, in com. Cest. Knt. lord-president of Connaught, in Ireland, and Mary, his wife, daughter of Sir Guiscard Harbottle, of Horton, Knt. and Jane, his wife, daughter of Sir Henry Willoughby, of Risley, in com. Derby. For this John Englefeld, Esq; in the north wall of the chapel of Englefeld, is a brass plate fasten'd, and thereon is insculp'd the portraiture of a man in armour, with his wife lying by him, and at the bottom, this inscription (b):

Here lyeth buried
John Englefeld, Esq;
Second Son to Sir Thomas Englefeld, Knt.
Who had to Wife,
Margaret Fitton, daughter to
Sir Edward Fitton, of Gawsworth,
By whom he had
One only Child, named Francis,
Yet living;
Who married Jane, eldest Sister
To Anthony, now Viscount Mountague,
And had issue by her
Four sons, and one Daughter.
The said Margaret, after she had lived a
Widow 38 Years, caused this Monument
To be made, in the Year 1605,
In Remembrance of her said Husband, who
Died the first Day of April. 1567.

And on a white marble, fixed in a black marble grave-stone, under the said plate, in the wall, is this inscribed (c):

Here lyeth buried
John Englefeld, Esq;
And
Margaret, his Wife,

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(a) Fuller's Worthies, and Church History.
(c) Ibid. p. 13.

(b) Ashmole's Berks, vol. I. p. 12.

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Whose Monument is in the North Side of
This Chapel; which Margaret, died
The 29th of August, 1612.

Francis Englefield, Esq; only son aforesaid, was of Wotton-Basset, in com. Wilts, (of which place his father was also nominated,) as well as Englefield, in Berkshire.

In the tenth year of King James, he was advanced to the dignity of a baronet. He married Jane (a), daughter of Anthony Browne, Esq; eldest son of Anthony, lord viscount Mountague, by whom he had ten children, seven sons, and three daughters; 1. Thomas, who married Mary, daughter of William Wollascot, of Shenfield, in com. Berks, Esq; but died before his father, without issue. 2. Sir Francis, his successor. 3. Sir Thomas, successor to his nephew. 4. John, who died before his father, unmarried. 5. Anthony, of White-Knights, near Reading, who married Susan, daughter of — Ryley, of Oxford, Esq: she died June 2, 1664, and lies buried in the middle of the north chancel of Sunning-church, in Berks, with this inscription over her (b):

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Hic jacet Corpus
Susannæ, Uxoris Antonii
Englefield, de White
Knights, Armigeri, quæ obiit
Secund. die Junii
A. D. 1664.
Ætatis vero suæ 65.
Requiescat in Pace,
Amen.

Her husband died about 1665, leaving issue, Anthony, his son and heir, ancestor to the present baronet, of whom hereafter. The sixth son of Sir Francis Englefield, Bart. was William, who left a daughter and heir, married to — Fettiplace, Esq; and died April 27, 1662, and lies buried in Englefield-church, in Berks, where, upon a marble grave-stone, is this inscription (c):

Dominus Gulielmus Englefield,
Domini Francisci Englefield,
Equitis & Baronetti, & Dominae Johannæ Browne,
Filius quartus,
Mortalitatis suæ exuvias
Usque ad Dei Judicis adventum
Hic deposuit.
Pristinæ Religionis, Fidei in
Regem, Amoris in Patriam, Pius
Et constans Observator.
Maritus Conjugem, Parens Filiam

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Unicam,

(a) Visit. of Berks, by Ashmole, p. 19.

(b) Le Neve's Mon. Ang. vol. II. p. 102.

(c) Ibid. p. 89.

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Unicam, sed non folam,
 (Quippe quam Dominus Fetiplace,
 Matrimonio antea conjunxerat,) Germanos, Fratres, omnesque
 Natos & familiares mœrere
 Reliquit,
 Anno Salutis reparatæ, 1662, 17 Aprilis,
 Ætatis 53.
 Conjugii —
 Viator
 Manibus ejus
 Bene præcare, Salutis
 Non
 Immemor
 Tuæ,
 Vive & Vale.

And 7. Henry, who had three wives ; first, Elizabeth, daughter of — Pickford, of Cornwall, by whom he had no issue ; secondly, Elizabeth, daughter to Sir Walter Blount, of Sodington, in Worcestershire, Bart. by whom he had, Henry, who died unmarried, and three daughters, Elizabeth, married to Sir William Kennedy, of Ireland ; Mary (a) to Thomas Havers, of Thelton, in Norfolk, Esq; and Catherine ; and to his third wife, he married Anne, daughter to John Huband, of Ipsley, in com. Warw. Esq; by whom he had no issue. Of the three daughters of Sir Francis, Dorothy, married Sir Edward Morgan, of Llanternam, in Monmouthshire, Bart. Mary, to Christopher, lord Teynham ; and Margaret, who had two husbands, first, Hatton Berners, of Whittlebury, in com. Northton, Esq; and secondly, Sir William Bradshaigh, Knt. a younger son of the family of Bradshaigh, of Haigh, in com. Lanc.

Sir Francis, the father of these children, lived till 1631, as appears by a beautiful monument in the north chapel of Englefield-church, against the north wall, adorn'd with the portraitures of a knight in armour, and his lady, both kneeling at a desk ; behind him kneel four sons, and behind her, one daughter, in praying postures ; on the side of the desk, the arms of Englefield, impaling Browne. Under the said marble monument, on a stone, is a brass plate, thus engraved :

Here lyeth interr'd
 The Body of Sir Francis Englefield, Baronet,
 (Only Child of John Englefield, Esq; and Margaret,
 His Wife,) who married Jane, eldest Daughter to
 Anthony Browne,
 Eldest Son of Anthony, Viscount Mountague,

(a) Blomfield's Norf, vol. I. p. 100.

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By whom he had issue ten Children, viz.
 Thomas, Dorothy, Francis, Thomas, John,
 Anthony, William, Mary, Margaret,
 And Henry; of which,
 Thomas, the elder, Dorothy, and John,
 Died before their Father.

He dyed

The 26th of Octob.

Anno Dom. 1631,

Being 69 Years, 3 Months, and 27 Days old.

Sir Francis Englefield, Bart. eldest son and heir of Sir Francis, succeeded his father in the title and estate: he received the honour of knighthood from King James I. at East-Hamsted, Aug. 10, 1622, and in his behalf, I meet with this indemnifying (a) letter of King Charles I.

CHARLES REX.

WHEREAS our trusty and well-beloved Sir Francis Englefield, knight and baronet, being a recusant, is thereby subject to our laws and statutes in that case provided: these are to signify our royal will and pleasure, that no person or persons shall, at any time hereafter, sue, prosecute, or implead, either by way of indictment, information, or otherwise, against the said Sir Francis, for being a recusant, or convicted by virtue of any of our laws or statutes against popish recusants, 'till we shall signify our pleasure to the contrary. Given under our signet, at our palace of Westminster, Decemb. the 6th, in the 10th year of our reign.

He married Winifrid, daughter and coheir to William Brooksbury, of Sholeby, in com. Leicest. Esq; by whom he had one son, Sir Francis, his successor, and three daughters; Helen, married to Sir Charles Waldgrave, Bart. father of the first lord Waldgrave, and great grandfather to the present earl; Mary, to Sir George Browne, knight of the Bath; and Catherine (b), the wife of William Turvile, of Aston-Flamvile, in com. Leicest. Esq; he died in May, 1665, and lies buried in Englefield-church, in Berkshire, under the north-east window of a chapel, situate on the north side of the chancel, with this inscription (c):

Here lieth the Body of Sir Francis Englefield, Bar.
 He was buried in May, 1665, in the grave where
 formerly Sir Edward Norris had been interred.

(a) Bibliotheca Regia, p. 255.
Burke, vol. I. p. 15.

(b) Visit. Leicest. p. 37.

(c) Ashmole's Antiq.

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Sir Francis, his son and successor, married Honora (a), daughter of Henry O Bryan, earl of Thomond, of Ireland, by whom he had no issue; his lady surviving him, remarried to Sir Robert Howard, Knt. sixth son of Thomas, the first earl of Berkshire; whereupon the title and estate went to his uncle, Sir Thomas Englefield, Bart. second surviving son of Sir Francis Englefield, the first baronet.

Which Sir Thomas, married two wives; first, Mary, daughter of Sir Henry Winchcomb, of Bucklebury, in Berks, Bart. by whom he had no issue: secondly, Mary, daughter of George Huntley, of —, in com. Glocest. Esq; by whom he had one son, Sir Charles, his successor, and three daughters; 1. Anne, who died unmarried, 1678. 2. Philadelphia, married to Henry Fossan, Gent. and died S. P. 3. Elizabeth, married to —

Sir Charles Englefield, Bart. who succeeded his father, married Susan, natural daughter to John, lord Culpeper, by Mrs. Susan Willis, (and own'd by lord Culpeper, as one of his children,) by whom he had a son, Thomas, and a daughter, Charlotte, which both died young: Sir Charles, dying, April, 1728, was buried in Englefield-church, aforesaid, and was succeeded in dignity and estate by his cousin, Sir Henry Englefield, Bart. eldest son of Henry Englefield, of White-Knights, Esq; son of Anthony, who was son of Anthony, fifth son of Sir Francis Englefield, the first baronet, and Jane, his wife, daughter of Anthony Browne, viscount Montague, before mentioned.

Which Anthony Englefield, Esq; (son and heir of Anthony, fifth son of Sir Francis,) by Alice, his wife, daughter of Thomas Stokes, of London, Esq; had issue seventeen children, viz. ten sons, and seven daughters; of which, Martha, married Lyfter Blount, of Mapledurham, in the county of Oxon, Esq; Elizabeth, to William Dorrington, son of Sir John Dorrington, of Suffex, Knt. and Mary, to Sir William Swinburne, of Capheaton, in com. Northumberland, Bart. father of the present Sir John; the others were either nuns, or died unmarried. The ten sons died all unmarried, except Henry, the fourth son, who succeeded to his father's estate, and was of White-Knights, aforesaid, and married Catherine, daughter of Benjamin Poole, of London, Esq; (who surviving him, has since married Edward Webb, of Gray's-Inn, Esq;) by whom he had issue nine children, three sons and six daughters; Sir Henry, of whom hereafter; Charles, and Francis, both living, and unmarried: of the six daughters, Catherine, died young; Teresa, Martha, Mary, Elizabeth, and Anne, are living; of which, Mary, is married to Francis Smith Carrington, of Wotton-

(a) Collins's Peerage, vol. IV. p. 58.

Wotton-hall, in the county of Warwick, Esq; the others are all unmarried.

Which Sir Henry Englefield, the present baronet, is as yet unmarried.

ARMS: Barry of six, Gules, and Argent, on a Chief, Or, a Lion passant, Azure.

CREST: On a Wreath, an Arm coup'd at the Elbow, vested per pale, Azure and Gules, holding a Branch, proper.

The other Crest of the family is, a Spread Eagle, in Pale, Azure, and Gules, which latter, is likewise on the tomb-stones, in Englefield church.

SEAT: At *White-Knights*, near *Reading*, in *Berkshire*.

29. H O L T E, of Aston, juxta Birmingham, Warwickshire.

(Sir THOMAS, KNIGHT,)

Created BARONET, Nov. 25, 1612.

THE ancient deeds and writings of this family being destroy'd, when Aston-house was plundered, in the time of the rebellion, 1641. The first that I can discover (*a*), is Sir Henry Holte, father to Sir Hugh Holte, who married Matilda, daughter to Sir Henry de Erdington, baron of Erdington, (by Joan, his wife, daughter and coheir of Sir Thomas de Wolvey,) and had issue by her a son, John Atte-Holte, and died, leaving her a widow, anno 16, Ed. II. (*b*)

John, his son, had to wife, Alice de Castello, or Castell, daughter, and at length sole heir to Sir George de Castell, descended from the Castells, ancient lords of Withibroke, in the county of Warwick; and, by a female ancestor from Reginald de Affeles, lord of Nechels: and, anno 4 Edw. III. Alice, (then widow of Sir George, neice and heir to Aliva, one

(*a*) Ex Stem. penes Car. Holte, Bar.

(*b*) Dugd. Warw. vol. II. p. 87 r.

one of the coheirs to Simon de Asfeles,) in considération of 40 pounds, passed away all her inheritance in the manor, unto Simon del Holte, of Birmingham, and his heirs; which estate is still in the family.

This Simon del Holte, was son of John, aforesaid; and, by his wife, Albreda de Bermingham, (a daughter of a noble and eminent house, progenitor to the earls of Louth, in Ireland,) had issue two sons, John, and Walter.

John Atte-Holte, called Senior, in respect of his son, was living 21 Edward III. and had also two sons, John, and Walter, who died S. P. The first of which, purchased the manor of Dudston, 38 Edward III. (a) for forty marks, of John de Grimesfarwe. And Maud de Grimesfarwe, (40 Edward III.) conveyed the manor of Aston, to the said John Atte-Holte, (denominated of Bermingham,) as her charter, dated at Aston, on the Sunday next before the feast of St. Agapite, the martyr, testifies (b).

This John Holte, having had in marriage, Eleanor, daughter and coheir of William Durvassal, of Spennall (c), died childless, whereupon, Walter Holte, his uncle, succeeded in the estate.

Which Walter, anno 49 Edward III. and 1 Richard II. underwent the office of escheator to the King, for the counties of Warwick, and Leicester, a service, in those times, of great trust, and wherein, none but persons of noted worth and quality, were employ'd (d). In the latter of which years, he was the principal commissioner assigned in that county of Warwick, for levying and collecting a fifteenth and tenth, then granted to the King in parliament; and, by a feoffment to one William Whetele, and other persons in trust, he settled the manor of Aston, to the use of himself, and Margery, his wife, (daughter of Sir William Bagot, of Bagington, Knt.) as also to his own right heirs: and departing this life, left issue three sons, John, Simon, and William: his wife, Margery, surviving, who, the better to secure her estate, enfeoffed John of Gaunt, duke of Lancaster, Sir William Bagot, of Bagington, and other persons of quality therein (e).

John, the eldest son, was stil'd of Yardley, and had issue, Audomar Holte, his son and heir, who was dispossessed of Aston, by his uncle, William Holte, who having great favour and countenance

(a) Dugd. Warw. vol. II. p. 227.
(e) *Ibid.*

(b) *Ibid.*

(c) *Ibid.*

(d) *Ibid.*

nance from King Henry IV. got a grant of the said estate for life, in the first year of his reign, in consideration of his good services done, and to be done, as the words of the patent import, obtained a grant of it from the said king, for life, in 1 Henry IV. who challeng'd a legal title thereto, as son and heir to John, duke of Lancaster, abovementioned, one of the feoffees unto the before recited Margery, in which patent, the king calls him, *Dilectus armiger noster*; whence I guess (a), that he was his servant before he attained the crown.

Notwithstanding the aforesaid grant, Sir William Bagot, another trustee, set on foot his title to Aston manor, 5 Henry IV. and, in conclusion, there was a reference betwixt them, made to Edward, duke of York, and Richard Beauchamp, earl of Warwick, to whose arbitration they bound themselves to submit, in 200l. bonds a-piece: the particulars of the award, Sir William Dugdale (who mentions it) had not seen, but, by what afterwards appears, it is evident, says Sir William Dugdale (b), that the said William Holte, kept the possession thereof. For, 14 Hen. VI. he released unto John Ward, of Little-Bromwych, and John Shyngler, (as feoffees) all his right therein; and the next year, for the better corroborating his title, Audomare, his nephew, (who in truth was the right heir) released to him his right and claim, and died without issue.

This William Holte, anno 12 Henry VI. was one of the chief persons in Warwickshire, chosen to make oath for performance of divers articles, concluded in the parliament then held, having the stile of William Holte, de Aston, Armiger; but, for aught appears, the estate he had granted by King Henry IV. was only for term of life; so that he inheritance resting in the crown, occasioned John Holte, his nephew (son to his brother Simon) in 19 Henry VI. to procure a patent thereof, with all the liberties and privileges thereto belonging, (and therein particularly expressed) for himself and his heirs, to be held of the chief lord of the fee, and not of the king in capite.

This John (son and heir of Simon Holte, by Matilda, his wife, daughter and heir of Richard Collyng, of Bruge-North, in com. Salop, Esq;) being so vested in the manor of Aston, as aforesaid: taking likewise notice of a certain act of re-assumption, made in the parliament held at Westminster, 29 Henry VI. exhibited his petition to the king, that the same act might not be prejudicial to him, nor unto Margaret, his wife, nor the heirs or assigns of the said John, in respect of the said patent, considering that it had been duly recover'd (as the said petition alledged) according to the due course of law, before the justices of the common-pleas, in the tenth year of the said king's reign, by the said Aymer Holte, cousin

and

(a) Dugd. War. ibid,

(b) Ibid. p. 872.

and heir to the before specify'd Walter, against William Holte, Esq; then tenant thereof, by virtue of certain letters-patent to him made, which petition was accordingly granted (a).

Of this John Holte, I farther find, that he was constituted escheator of Warwick and Leicestershire, anno 16 Henry VI. and became afterwards an esquier of the body to the same king; who, in recompence of his fidelity and diligence, made him ranger of Sutton chafe for life. The words of which patent (b) being memorable, I shall insert them: '*Rex, &c. Sciatis quod de gratia nostra speciali, ac consideratione diutini & continui servitii quod humilis servitor noster, Joh. Holte, armiger, de hospitio nostro, nobis impendit, & impendere proponit in futuro, concessimus ei officium de Ridership, infra chaceam de Sutton, in com. nostro de Warwici, quod per rebellionem Richardi nuper comitis Warwici vacat, & de dono nostro existit. Habendum & occupandum dictum officium præfato Johanni seu deputato suo sufficienti, pro termino vitæ suæ, cum omnimodis vadiis, feodis, &c. ab antiquo debitis, &c. teste rege apud Coventre, xxiii Maii.*

He left issue, by Margery, his wife, daughter of Sir Richard Delabere, of Kynardsley, in com. Heref. Knt. a daughter, Elizabeth, married to John Rudgeley, of Wigington, and one son,

William Holte, Esq; who married Margaret, daughter of William Cumberland, of Cumberland, in com. Staff. Esq; and had a numerous issue; and left a son of his own name, William, who succeeded to the estate.

Which William Holte, Esq; lies buried in the north isle of the church, at Aston, under a curious marble monument, whereon his effigies, cut out in sculpture, lies in armour, under a furcoat, his hands conjoin'd and erect, his head resting on a helmet for pillow, and at his feet a lion couchant: round the monument, on the sides, in the several areas, or inter-columns, are angels crown'd, and vested in long robes, exhibiting before their breasts shields, containing the arms of Holt, impaling the arms of Knight; and single, the arms of Delabere, Cumberland, &c. the inscription round the verge, is (c),

' Of your Charitie, pray for the Soule of William
' Holte, Esquyre, sometime lord of this Towne, and
' Joane, his Wife. Which William, died the
' xxviii September, the Yeare of howre Lord,
' MCCCXXIII.

But the date of the year is either mistaken, or imperfect (d), thro' time. His wife was daughter of Adam Knight, of Shrewsbury,

(a) Dugdale, *ibid.*

(b) Pat. 38, Hen. VI. p. 2. M. 13.

(c) Dug-

dale's Warw. vol. II. p. 879.

(d) Sir William Dugdale, in Holte's pedigree, vol.

II. p. 871, makes him die 28 Sep. 6 Hen. V.

bury, Esq; and he had issue by her seven daughters; Margaret, married to Stanley; Anne, to Piers; Elizabeth, to Weston; Margery, to Nicholls; Ellen, to Petman; Frances, to Forster; Winifrid, to Thomas Fisher: also four sons, Thomas, Mark, John, and Nicholas.

Thomas Holte, the eldest son and heir, who was a learned lawyer, and justice of North-Wales, temp. Henry VIII. (a) as also in commission for the peace in his county, the greatest part of that king's reign; and also in commission for the taking the surrender of religious houses in that county. He wedded Margery, eldest of the seven daughters and coheirs to William Willington, of Barcheston, in com. Warw. Esq; (a wealthy merchant of the staple) who surviving him, afterwards became the wife of Sir Ambrose Cave, Knt. (b) chancellor of the dutchy of Lancaster, temp. Eliz.

The said Thomas, was buried with his ancestors, at Aston, under a prostrate stone, whereon are the portraitures of himself, and his wife; and a shield of arms over their heads, viz. Holte, impaling Willington; and, in the middle part, the following traffick (c):

- ‘ Thomas Holte here lyeth in Grave:
- ‘ Ihu, for thy Passion,
- ‘ Of him have thou Compassion,
- ‘ And his Soul doe save.

Below the ichnographical figures of their sons, and two daughters, round the whole, (in a border, having at the four angles, quadrangulated circles, figur'd with the symbols of the four evangelists, viz. a cherub, lyon, bull, and eagle) is this inscription:

- ‘ Of your Charitie, pray for the Sooles of Thomas
- ‘ Holte, Esquier, late Justice of North-Wales, and
- ‘ Lord of this Town of Aston, and Margaret, his
- ‘ Wife: which Thomas, deceased the xxiii Daye
- ‘ of Marche, Anno Dom. MCCCCXLV. whoose
- ‘ Sooles God pardon.

Edward Holte, (son and heir of the said Thomas) had his education with Sir John St. Leger, (then of Weoly-castle, in com. Wigorn.) as by his father's will appears (d), and was constituted one of the justices of peace for Warwickshire, 14 Eliz. and in the twenty-fifth of that reign (e), high sheriff of that county. He had sepulture with his ancestors, in the parish-church of Aston: a curious mural monument being erected to his memory, with this memorial, in Roman capitals:

‘ Here

(a) Dugd. War. vol. II. p. 872. (b) See Cave's account, vol. II. (c) Dugd. ibid. p. 879. (d) Ibid. (e) Fuller's worthies in War. tho' Dugdale in his list of sheriffs of Warwickshire, makes it 26 Eliz.

' Here lyeth buried, Edward Holte, Esquier, and
 ' Dorothy, his Wife: Edward, was Lord of this
 ' Town, and Patron of this Church and Vicariedge:
 ' he was also lord of Duddeston and Nechels, —
 ' and other Lands within this parish. Who died
 ' about Candlemas, being about the age of one and
 ' fifty Years, in the xxxv Year of the reigne of
 ' Queen Elizabeth, and in the Yeare of our Saviour
 ' Christ, 1592.

By Dorothy, daughter of John Ferrers, of Tamworth-castle, Esq; (by Dorothy, his wife (*a*), daughter of Francis Cokayne, of Ashborne, in com. Derby. Esq; and Dorothy, his wife, daughter of Thomas Marrow, Esq; serjeant at law) he had three sons, Thomas, Francis, and Robert; and seven daughters; Anne, wife to Edward West; Lucy, to John Hugford; Catherine, to Humphrey Wyrley; Mary, to George Smyth, son of George Smyth, of Wotton, in com. Warwick. Esqrs. Dorothy, Margaret, and Frances, who all died S. P.

Thomas Holte, the eldest son, who was of full age at the death of his father, was high sheriff of the county of Warwick (*b*), 41 Eliz. and received the honour of knighthood (18 April, 1603) from King James I. at Grimston, in com. Ebor. when he arrived there from Scotland, in his way to London, to take possession of the crown of England; and was afterwards farther advanced by that prince, to the dignity of a baronet, 25 Nov. in the tenth year of his reign. He was a gentleman well read in most parts of learning, and vers'd in several languages; was highly esteemed in his country by men of all conditions, being of an even temper, truly just, charitable, and exemplary in his life and conversation: having amply increased his estate, which received a very large accession by his first marriage; he enclosed the park, began the structure (in April, 1618) of that ancient and noble house now remaining at Aston Stocklands, which, (Sir William Dugdale says) (*c*), for beauty and state, much exceeds any in those parts: he was nominated by his majesty K. Charles I. (*d*) to go ambassador into Spain, but, by reason of his great age, he got himself excused: upon the breaking out of the civil wars, he heartily assisted the king with his purse; but being very old, and of a quiet disposition, staid at his own seat, without following the camp, and had the honour of a visit from the king, who lay at his house two nights, about six days before the battle of Edge-hill: his affections to the royal cause being visible; and his son actually in the service, the rebels plunder'd his house, imprisoned

(*a*) Le Neve's MSS. of the baronets, vol. I. p. 87. (*b*) Fuller's Worthies in
 Warwickshire, the Dugdale in his list of sheriffs of Warwickshire, makes it 42 Eliz.
 (*c*) Ibid. ut ante. (*d*) Dugdale, Ibid.

prisoned him, decimated his estate, and forced such contributions, that the damage he sustain'd was computed at 20000*l.* (*a*) He died in the eighty-third year of his age, A. D. 1654, having by his last will and testament, assigned 300*l.* for the building an hospital at Aston, for five men and five women, appointing a rent-charge out of his manor of Erdington, of 88*l.* per annum for their support: and over the door of the alms-house, are the arms of Holte, with this inscription (*b*):

This Alms-house was (by the Charity of Sir Thomas Holte, late of this Town and County, Knight and Baronet, deceased) provided for and appointed to be built, and was, in order thereto, accordingly erected, by his Grandson and Heir, Sir Robert Holte, Baronet, in the Year of our Lord God, 1655, and 1656.
Laus Deo.

This Sir Thomas, lies buried in Aston-church, where, on a large marble monument, fixed to the east wall of the north isle, is this inscription:

H. S. E.
Thomas Holte, Eques & Baronettus,
Quibus Titulis a Jacobo I^o.
Ob Patriæ Amorem, Vitæ Integritatem,
Morum Candorem, erga Principem Fidem,
Erga Pauperes Liberalitatem, erga omnes Justitiam
Insignitus est.
Flagrante Bello Civili
E re sua familiari bis confiscata, & decima parte semel proscripta
Quicquid reliquit Fanatica Rabies
Caroli Imi. (cui Edvardus filius a Cubiculis fuit).
Incarceratus licet, in Subsidium contulit.
Tandem vero Ædes Astonianas nobili Magnificencia extruxit;
Nec tamen Egenis defuit,
Quibus Hospitium pari Munificencia Vicinum condidit,
Eximia ingentis Animi Monumenta,
Cujus Memorix alterum hoc Monumentum
Non Supervacaneum censuit
Carolus Holte, Baronettus, Pronepos.
Duas habuit Uxores, Gratiam, Gul. Brad-
bourne, de Hough, in Agro Derbieni, Arm.
Filiam & Cohæredem; ex qua Quindenam
Suscepit Sobolem,
Sed nullam Superflitem præter Gratiam, Rich.
Shukburgh de Shukburgh, in Agro
Warwicensi Militis Uxorem;
Annam Edv. Littleton, de Pillaton,
In Agro Staffordienfi, Baronetti, Filiam,

Quam

(*a*) Ex inform, Dom. Car. Holte, Bar.

(*b*) Dugdale's Warw. vol. II. p. 873.

Quam fine prole reliquit Viduam,
 Etatis suæ 83.
 Obiit Anno Sal. Hum. MDCLIV.

On this monument are the Holte's arms with quarterings.

He married two wives, first, Grace, one of the daughters and coheirs to William Bradburne, of Hough, in com. Derb. Esq; and secondly, Anne, daughter of Sir Edward Littleton, of Pillaton-hall, in com. Staff. Bart. but by her had no issue. By his first lady, he had fifteen children; most of which lived to men and women's estate. Of his daughters, Anne, married Walter Gifford, of Chillington, in com. Staff. Esq; Catherine, was wife of — Roper, and Grace, of Sir Richard Shuckburgh, of Shuckborough, in com. Warw. Knt. but of the sons, no issue surviv'd, except from,

Edward, his eldest son, who was one of the grooms of the bed-chamber to King Charles I. and attending him during the rebellion; and was, with other his majesty's friends, in Oxford, when it was besieged; but falling ill of a fever, died before the surrender thereof, and lies buried in Christ-church, leaving issue, by Elizabeth, his wife, daughter of Dr. John King, bishop of London, Sir Robert, successor to his grandfather, and John, who died unmarried: also three daughters; Grace, wedded to George Hampson, Esq; (a younger son of Sir Thomas Hampson, of Taplow, in com. Bucks, Bart.) 2. Elizabeth, first married to — Duncomb, of Surry, Esq; and afterwards, to — Richbell, of London, merchant; and 3. Catherine (a), wife of Sir Edward Nevill, of Grove, in com. Nott. Knt.

Sir Robert Holte, Bart. (grandson and heir to Sir Thomas) did his best endeavours for the restoration of the royal line, and for his known loyalty (b), was appointed high sheriff of Warwickshire, the first year after the return of King Charles; and the year following, was elected knight for that county, in parliament (c).

He married, first, Jane, daughter of Sir William Brereton, of Brereton, in Cheshire, Knt. and sister to William, lord Brereton, of the kingdom of Ireland, who died in child-bed of her only son, Sir Charles, his successor; and after her decease, taking to wife, Mary, daughter of Sir Thomas Smith, of Hough, in com. Cestr. Knt. had eight children, whereof only one son, Robert, surviv'd. Sir Robert died, 3 Oct. 1679, and was interr'd by his first wife, in the parochial church of St. Clements-Danes, Middlesex. Sir Charles, his only son by the first venter, succeeded him in title and estate.

Which

(a) Choroton, in his Nottinghamshire, p. 401 and 402, makes her the relict of — Kidderminster. (b) Ex infor. Dom. Car. Holte, Bar. (c) E Col. B. Willis, Arm.

Which Sir Charles Holte, Bart. served as one of the knights of the shire in parliament, for the county of Warwick (*a*), in the first year of King James II. he was a man of letters (*b*), and well beloved in his country, and having married Anne, eldest daughter and coheir of Sir John Clobery, of Winchester, Knt. (who died at Aston, March, 173½, aged near ninety,) had issue seven daughters; 1. Anne. 2. Jane. 3. Mary. 4. Frances. 5. Selena. 6. Diana; and 7. Elizabeth: and three sons; Sir Clobery, his successor; Charles, and John.

Sir Charles, dying June 20, 1722, was succeeded in dignity and estate by his eldest son,

Sir Clobery Holte, Bart. (*c*) who married Barbara, daughter and heir of Thomas Lister, of Whitfield, in Northamptonshire, Esq; by whom he had two sons, Sir Lister, and Charles; and dying July, 1729, was succeeded in dignity and estate, by his eldest son,

Sir Lister Holte, the present baronet, who married in Oct. 1739, the lady Anne Legge, youngest daughter of the right honourable, William, earl of Dartmouth (*d*), by the lady Anne Finch, third daughter to Heneage, earl of Aylesford.

ARMS: Azure, two Bars, and in Chief a Cross, Forme Fitch, Or.

CREST: On a Wreath, a Squirrel sejant, Or, holding a Hassle-Branch, slipp'd vert, with Nuts, proper.

MOTTO: *Exaltavit humiles.*

SEAT: At *Aston*, near *Birmingham*, *Warwickshire*.

30. EGERTON, of Egerton, Cheshire.

(Sir ROWLAND, KNIGHT,)

Created BARONET, April 5, 1617.

THE manors held by Robert Fitz-Hugh, baron of Malpas, under Hugh Lupus, earl of Chester, in the reign of William the conqueror (as recorded in doomsday-book) were (*e*) Bedford, Burwardestone, Hurdingley, Depenbache, (now called Malpas) Tillestone, Cristleton, Calmundele, Eghe, Hanton, Lawchedone, or Laborchedone, Dochintone, Cetelea, Broffe, Oretone, Cuntitone, Shochliche, Tufageham, Bicheley, Buerton, Burwardeshley, Rauichell, Creuhalle, Tidulstone, or Tidnistone, Buistane,

(*a*) Dugdale's Warw. ibid. p. 1146. (*b*) Ibid. p. 873. (*c*) Ex infor. Dom. Clo. Holte, Bar. (*d*) Collins's Peerage, vol. III. p. 650. (*e*) Ex infor. Dom. Hol. Egerton, Bar.

Buistane, Boleberie, Tevertone, Sparestowe, Penretane, Sudtone, Buteloge, and Cochneche, or Crossoverche.

But Robert, leaving no male issue, this barony came at length by marriage of the heir female, into this famous and knightly family, (as Mr. Camden styles it;)

Of which was, John le Belward de Malpas, who lived in the time of William Rufus (*a*).

William, (son and heir of John le Belward de Malpas) so named by Sir William Dugdale, is wrote by Mr. Erdeswicke, (agreeable to other good authorities) Richard: his wife was Letitia, daughter and heir of Robert Fitz-Hugh, baron of Malpas; bearing, for arms, three dart-heads, (Pheons) as he proves by ancient deeds and records; and particularly, by a grant of one eighth part of Hampton, to Richard, youngest son of this William, sealed therewith (*b*). That he had at least, a moiety of that barony, is evident, from several other authorities, and particularly, from Camden's remains (*c*).

William, son and heir of (William, or) Richard, and Letitia, his wife, married the daughter of Hugh Keveliock, and sister and coheir of Ranulph, earl of Chester: he had issue by her, 1. David, baron of Malpas: 2. Robert, from whom the present earl of Cholmondeley is lineally descended; and 3. Richard, beforementioned, who is also taken notice of by Camden, in his Remains (*d*).

David, (eldest son of William) stiled Dan-David de Malpas, and sometimes le Clerc, from his being secretary to the earl of Chester, married Margaret, daughter and heir of Ralph ap Eynion (a person of great note and large possessions, in Wales and Cheshire) by Beatrix, daughter of Ranulph, the second of that name, earl of Chester (*e*); whereby he became possessed of the entire barony of Malpas, viz. one half by descent, and the remainder, in right of his wife. He was also justice of Chester, and held three knights fees, temp. Hen. III. his sons were,

1. William, baron of Malpas, who left no legitimate issue.

2. Philip, (high sheriff of Cheshire, temp. Edw. I.) who, possessing the manor of Egerton, near Malpas, had (according to the custom of that age) the surname of Egerton, from the place of his residence, which was derived to his posterity in a lineal succession, which spread into many eminent and flourishing branches. The other sons of David were, 3. Peter, surnamed Thorneton; and 4. David, lord of Golbourne.

David de Malpas, alias, de Egerton, (son of Philip de Egerton, who died before his brother, William, the baron) continued the chief line, as next heir to his said uncle, after his decease; but
being

(*a*) Ex infor. Dom. Hol. Egerton, Bar. (*b*) Erdeswick's Staff. p. 114. (*c*) P. 119. Oct. Edit. (*d*) P. 180. (*e*) See Lee's Chronicon Cestrense, printed at the end of King's Vale Royal of England, p. 51.

being then very young, one David, bastard son to William, afore-
 said, taking advantage of his minority, intruded himself into the
 barony, and lands of Malpas (*a*), great part whereof passed with
 his two daughters, and coheirs, by marriage to William Patrick,
 and Sir Urian St. Peter, and by the heir female of Patrick, his
 share, being transferred to the Suttons, (afterwards lords Dudley)
 was by them, temp. Hen. VII. sold to Sir Randal Brereton, Knt.)
 David, the nephew and rightful heir, however, (according to
 Camden,) recovered, by a writ of recognizance, a moiety of that
 town or barony. He married Cicely, daughter and heir of Ran-
 dal de Thornewton.

Philip, his son and heir, was sheriff of Cheshire, 2 Edw. II. and
 father of six sons; 1. David, (of whom hereafter;) 2. Uryan,
 who, by his wife Amelia, daughter and heir of Caldecote, of Cal-
 decote, (15 Edw. II.) had issue, David, and John, (ancestor to the
 Egertons, of Dynham, Willoughby, &c.) David, by his wife,
 Joan, the heiress of Almaly, was father of Ralph, whose son,
 Ralph Egerton, of Caldecote, by the daughter and heir of Hasel-
 wall, had issue, William Egerton, of Bettley, who, by marriage
 with Ellen, daughter and heir of Sir John Hawkstones, of Wrine-
 ford, alias Wrinehill, Knt. (by Annabella, his wife, daughter and
 heir of William Bromley, of Chettelton, and Annabella, his wife,
 daughter of Matthew, and sister and heir of William de Chettel-
 ton) became possessed of those estates (*b*), and had issue Ralph,
 who died 1452, leaving issue, Hugh Egerton, of Wrinehill, who
 married Margaret, daughter of John Dutton, of Dutton, and
 died 1505, having had issue, Ralph, Robert, and Richard Eger-
 ton, prebendary and canon of Litchfield, also rector of Endfield,
 who died 1537.—Ralph, the eldest son, died the 7th of May, 1522,
 and lies buried under a handsome raised monument of alabaster,
 in a chapel belonging to the family, on the north side of Madeley-
 church, together with his wife Isabel, daughter and heir of Robert
 Hill, of Hounhill, by whom, he was father of John, (who died
 1 June, 1529, having married Agnes, daughter of Sir Walter
 Griffith, of Wichnor) and William Egerton, of Bettley, (father
 of Ralph, father of another Ralph; the last heir male of which
 branch was James Egerton, Esq; who died in the tenth year of
 his age, April 13, 1687, being only son of Randolph Egerton,
 Esq; major-general of horse to King Charles I. and lieutenant-
 colonel of his majesty King Charles II's own troop of guards,
 who died October 20, 1681, and lies buried under a handsome
 monument, in Westminster-abbey.

Sir Ralph Egerton, of Wrinehill, Knt. son and heir of John,
 married Anne, daughter of Sir Edward Fitton, of Gawsworth,
 and

(*a*) Ex infor. Dom. Hol. Egerton, Bar. (*b*) Ibid.

and died 1596, to whom succeeded, Edward, his son and heir, who conveyed Wrinchill and Chedleton, in Staffordshire, and the manor of Heywood-Barnes, in Cheshire, to Sir John Egerton, of Egerton, Knt. hereafter mentioned, which Sir John, lies buried in a vault, within another chapel, on the south side of Madeley-church, belonging to the family.

Sir Bryan de Malpas, alias Egerton, third son of Philip, before-mentioned, was knight of the order of St. John of Jerusalem, temp. Edw. II. 4. John. 5. Richard; and 6. Philip.

David de Malpas, alias Egerton, (eldest son of Philip, and) elder brother of Uryan, was sheriff of Cheshire, 5 Edward II. also 7 Edward III. 1333: and by his wife, Isabel, daughter of Richard Foulshurst, of Crewe, had issue, Philip, Uryan, David, and Robert Egerton, of Bickerton.

Philip, (son and heir) had to wife, Ellen, daughter of Sir John St. Peter, and by her had issue, Ellen, wife to Sir William Brereton; and Isabel, to Sir John Delves, Knts. also a son named David, who married a daughter of — Venables, of Kinderton, but left no issue male; so that,

Uryan, brother of Philip, succeeded as lord of Egerton. He altered the bearing of his ancestors, by changing the tinctures, and adding to his three Pheons, a Lion rampant, Gules, (as now used; being, according to tradition, an augmentation granted as a reward for his services in the Scotch wars.) He married Amelia, daughter of John Warburton, of Warburton, Esq;

John, (son and heir of Uryan,) was father of,

Sir John Egerton, of Egerton, Knt. who, with Sir Hugh Venables, Sir Thomas Dutton, Sir Richard Molineux, Sir William Troutbeck, Sir John Legh, Sir John Done, and many other of the knights and chief gentlemen of Cheshire, was slain at the memorable battle fought on Bloore-heath, in Staffordshire, Sept. 23, 1459, between the lord Audley, general for King Henry VI. and Richard Nevil, earl of Salisbury, on the side of Richard Plantagenet, duke of York. He had issue by Margaret, daughter of Sir John Fitton, of Cheshire, Knt. Philip, William, Ralph, Hugh, and Peter.

Philip, son and heir of Sir John, was father of William, John, and Sir Ralph Egerton, Knt. who distinguished the Lion in his arms, by a Crescent, (on the shoulder) Or: he was escheator of Cheshire, and ranger of Delamere-forest for life; also gentleman-usher of the king's bed-chamber, 1 Henry VIII. and by his wife, Margaret, daughter and heir of Ralph Bassett, of Bloore, progenitor of that knightly line (a), that for several generations flourished at Ridley, in Cheshire, (being afterwards seated at Shaw, in Lancashire,) and from which descended Sir Richard Egerton, Knt.

(a) Ex infor, Domp. Hol. Egerton, Bar.

Knt. who, by Alice, daughter of — Spark, of Bickerton, in Cheshire, *had a son*, Sir Thomas Egerton, Knt. (a) who was lord keeper of the great seal, temp. Eliz. and by King James created baron of Ellesmere, and viscount Brackley, and constituted lord-chancellor of England; from whom is descended the present duke of Bridgewater, whose younger branches are, the Egertons of Tatton, in Cheshire, and Newborough, in Staffordshire.

William, eldest son of Philip, and brother of Sir Ralph, had no issue; whereupon,

John, his next brother, became heir, and continued the principal line. He married Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Hugh Done, of Oulton, Esq; by the heiress of — Kingsley, of the same place, Esq; (called Oldeton, in doomsday-book (b), held at that time by Nigel, baron of Halton, and in this lady's right, he obtained that manor; and Leland (c), mentions this John, as the eldest house of the Egertons,) by whom he had one son Philip, and a daughter Susan, married to Randal Egerton, of Dynham, Esq;

Philip Egerton, of Egerton, and of Oulton, in right of his mother, married Jane, daughter, and at length heir of Sir Gilbert Smith, of Cuerdley, Knt. (brother of William, bishop of Lincoln, and founder of Brasen-nose college, in Oxford,) and was by her father of Margaret, wife of Sir Hugh Starkey, Knt. and of his son and successor,

Sir Philip Egerton, Knt. sheriff of Cheshire, the 5th of Queen Mary; who, by Eleanor, daughter of Sir Randal Brereton, of Ipstones, Knt. had issue,

John Egerton, Esq; who married Jane, daughter of Piers Mostyn, of Talacre, in Flintshire, Esq; he had two sons, Philip, the youngest, died issueless; Elizabeth, his daughter, married Sir William Stanley, of Houton, in Werral Hund. Cheshire, Knt. and,

Sir John Egerton, the eldest son (born 1551) was knighted by Queen Elizabeth, 1599. Besides his paternal inheritance, he possessed Wrinehill, Anneley, Chedleton, and lands in Betley, in Staffordshire, and the manor of Heywood-Barnes, in Cheshire, thereto adjoining, by conveyance from Edward Egerton, Esq; a younger branch of this family, and also held the manor and royalty of Holywell, Fulbrooke, and Greenfield, in Flintshire, by grant from King James I. He died at London, April, 27, 1614, and was buried in July following, at Madeley, in Staffordshire, having had issue by his first wife, Margaret, daughter of Sir Rowland Stanley, of Houton, Knt. five sons; 1. Philip, who died young.

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(a) Collins's Peerage of England, vol. I. p. 466.

(b) Lib. Domsday, in Riseton.

(c) In his Collect. vol. I. p. 27.

2. Sir Rowland, of whom hereafter. 3. John, basely killed by Edward Morgan, after having given him his life, in a duel, April 20, 1608. 4. Peter, who married Margaret, daughter of Sir Thomas Hayes, Knt. and alderman of London; and 5. Richard, who died S. P. Also three daughters; Frances, wife of John Minshull, of Minshull, Esq; (whose daughter married Cholmondeley, of Vale-Royal.) Margaret, married, first, to Thomas Hall, and afterwards, to Lawrence Whitacker, Esqrs. and Mary, to Richard Cartwright, of Aynhoe, in Northamptonshire, Esq; By his second wife, Anne, daughter of Robert Bernard, Esq; Sir John, had no issue.

Sir Rowland Egerton, of Egerton and Oulton, eldest surviving son and heir of Sir John, having been knighted, was afterwards (15 Jac. I.) created a baronet. He resided much at his manor of Fermingho, or Farthinghoe, in Northamptonshire, and had prepared stone (a), (a considerable part whereof is still remaining) for a spire steeple to the church, and for rebuilding his manor-house, at Farthinghoe; but the breaking out of the civil war, and his sudden death, prevented the accomplishing his designs; for he died suddenly, of an apoplexy, and was buried October 3, 1646, having in those rebellious times (when of too advanced age to attend the camp) sufficiently manifested his affection and fidelity to his prince, as appears by several testimonies remaining in the family, under the hand of that martyr'd king. His lady, who surviv'd, was Bridget, daughter of Arthur, lord Grey, lord lieutenant of Ireland, son of William, lord Grey, of Wilton, (knight of the garter, lord warden of the east marches towards Scotland, and governor of the town and castle of Berwick, who died December 14, 1562) and of his wife Mary, daughter of Charles Somers, earl of Worcester, (lineal ancestor to the present duke of Beaufort,) by Elizabeth, his wife, daughter of Thomas West, lord De la War.

The said Arthur, lord Grey, died October 14, 1593, aged fifty-seven, and was buried at Whaddon, in Bucks, leaving issue by Jana-Sibilla, his wife, daughter of Sir Richard Moryson, of Cashibury, in Hertfordshire, Knt. (sister to Elizabeth, countess of Lincoln) two sons; Thomas, lord Grey, his successor, who died unmarried, A. D. 1614, and William, who died A. D. 1605, aged thirteen, and was buried in Magdalen-college chapel, in Oxford, with an inscription over him, as may be seen in Wood's Antiq. Oxon. This Bridget, being sole sister and heir of Thomas, lord Grey, of Wilton, which being a barony in fee, passed from the Longchamps through the Fitz-Hughs, by marriage with the heirs-female to John, lord Grey, temp. Edw. II. 1317, whence it descended to Thomas, the last lord, to whom the present Sir Edward Egerton, Bart. is next heir by blood; Sir Rowland,

(a) Ex infor. Dom. Hol. Egerton, Bar.

land, having issue by the said Bridget, six sons; 1. Thomas, who married Barbara, daughter of Sir John St. John, of Lidyard-Tregoz, in Wilts, Bart. but died issueless before his father; 2. Sir John, successor to the title; 3. Sir Philip Egerton, knighted by K. Char. II. for his loyalty during the rebellion: he married Catherine, daughter and sole heir of Piers Conway, of Hendre, in com. Flint. Esq; by whom he had three sons, and four daughters, viz. John, his son and heir; Philip, who lived but a few days, and another Philip, D. D. of whom hereafter; Sibilla, who died an infant; Bridget, died about seven years old; Mary, married to Richard, lord viscount Bulkeley, of the kingdom of Ireland; and Jane, who lived a little above a month. Sir Philip, died at Oulton, and was interr'd at Little-Budworth, in Cheshire, Aug. 15, 1698. John Egerton, of Oulton, Esq; son and heir, married three wives, first, Mary, daughter of Thomas Cholmondeley, of Vale-Royal, in Cheshire, Esq; secondly, Elizabeth, daughter of Robert, lord viscount Cholmondeley; thirdly, Catherine, daughter of William Upton, of Upton, in Cheshire, Gent. who survived him, and is now living, by neither of which, had he any issue; and died at Oulton, and was buried at Little-Budworth, Jan. 2; 1732. Philip Egerton, D. D. third son, was rector of Astbury, in Cheshire, and married Frances, daughter of —Offley, Esq; (second son of —Offley, of Madeley-manor, in Staffordshire, Esq;) by Frances, his wife, daughter of John Lane, of Bentley, in Staffordshire, Esq; brother to Mrs. Jane Lane, afterwards lady Fither, remarkable, (as appears by lord Clarendon's History,) for being so instrumental in the escape of K. Char. II. after the battle of Worcester; by whom he had issue, three sons, and six daughters, viz. Philip, John, Rowland; Bridget, Elizabeth, Mary, Frances, Catherine, and Sibilla. Dr. Egerton, died at Astbury, and was interr'd at Little-Budworth, March 6, 1726. Philip Egerton, of Oulton, Esq; eldest son of Dr. Egerton, and heir to his uncle, John Egerton, of Oulton, Esq; is in possession of the ancient family seat of Egerton, together with that lordship, and the manor of Heywood-Barnes, in Cheshire, &c. and hath married Frances, daughter and co-heir of Sir Griffith Jeffreys, of Acton, near Wrexham, in Denbighshire, Knt. by whom he has no issue; John, second son, married Elizabeth, daughter and heir of William Brock, of Upton, in Cheshire, Esq; by whom he has two sons, John, and Philip; and three daughters, Anne, Mary, and Elizabeth, living; 3. Rowland Egerton, who married the widow of Thomas Bourne, second son of William Bourne, of Chell, in Staffordshire, Esq; by whom he has no issue. Of the six daughters of Dr. Egerton, Bridget, married Edward Downes, of Shrigley, in Cheshire, Esq; Elizabeth, died unmarried; Mary, married Richard Puleston, of Havod-y-wern, near Wrexham, in Denbighshire, Esq; Frances, is unmarried; Catherine, died an infant; and Sibilla, married Francis Haskins Eyles Stiles, of Moor-park, near Rickmansworth, in Hertfordshire, Esq; only son and heir of Sir John Eyles, of Giddy-hall, in Essex, Bart. the fourth son of Sir Rowland, was, Arthur; 5. Rowland, of Chedleton; and 6. Charles, of Wallesea, in Cheshire, who died

without issue: also three daughters, Sybil, first married to Edward Bellott, of Moreton, in Cheshire, Esq; and secondly, to Sir Edmund Anderson, of Broughton, in Lincolnshire, Bart. Elizabeth, wife of Sir William Radcliffe, of Foxdenton, in Lancashire, Knt. and Mary, who died at Farthinghoe, unmarried.

Sir John Egerton, Bart. eldest surviving son and heir of Sir Rowland, died at Wrinehill, and was interred at Madeley, 1674: he married Anne, daughter of George Wintour, of Derham, in Gloucestershire, Esq; who survived, and had issue three daughters, Bridget, wife, first, of Ralph Thicknesse, of Balterly, in Staffordshire; and afterwards, of Timothy Hyldeyard, of Lincolnshire, Esqrs. Margaret, married to Windfor Finch, of Rusnock, in Worcestershire, Esq; and Anne, wife of John Gardiner, Esq; also his only surviving son and successor,

Sir John Egerton, Bart. to whom, her late majesty Q. Anne, granted a patent, for holding fairs and markets within his manor at Holywell, before mentioned (a). He married, first, Elizabeth, daughter of William, and sister and sole heir of Edward Holland, of Heaton and Denton, in Lancashire, Esq; which lady, dying of the small-pox, May 31, 1701, he married, secondly, Anne, sole daughter and heir of Francis Wolferston, of Statfold, in Staffordshire, Esq; by this last wife, who died 12 April, 1726, there is no issue remaining, Francis Wolferston, a son, and Hester, and Catherine, two daughters, being all dead; the two first, infants; the last, at a more adult age, 1722: but of the first marriage, were six sons; 1. Sir Holland, his successor; 2. John, who died of the small-pox, at Chester, Dec. 19, 1704, aged sixteen; 3. Edward, of Harleston, in Staffordshire, who was adopted heir to his step-mother, Sir John's second lady; he died unmarried May 9, 1727, and left his estate to his next brother, 4. Ralph, which, upon his dying unmarried, April 3, 1732, descended to his next brother, 5. Thomas, rector of Sefton, in Lancashire, and Cheadle, in Cheshire, who married Frances, daughter of John Beresford, of Beresford and Bentley, in Derbyshire, Esq; (from which family is descended, the present viscount Tyrone, in Ireland,) but as yet has no issue; 6. William, rector of Farthinghoe, in Northamptonshire, who married Mrs. Bateman, and has by her, one daughter, Frances. Sir John, had also two daughters, Anne, and Elizabeth, who are both living, and unmarried. Sir John, died at Wrinehill, in Staffordshire, Nov. 4, 1729, aged seventy-three, and was succeeded in dignity and estate by his eldest son,

Sir Holland Egerton, Bart. a gentleman of fine accomplishments, and excellent parts; well vers'd in most parts of literature, particularly, heraldry and antiquities; of a free, open, and communicative disposition, and exceeding well beloved and esteemed in his country. He married, 1712, Eleanor, youngest daughter of Sir Roger Cave, of Stanford, in Northamptonshire, Bart. (by his wife, Mary, sister of the R^t. hon. William Bromley, Esq; late speaker of the house of commons, and principal secretary of state, temp. Ann.) by whom he had six sons, and two daughters;

whereof

(a) Ex infor. Dom. Hol. Egerton, Bar.

whereof, the three eldest sons are dead, 1. John, died April 20, 1723, æt. 11. 2. Holland, March 22, 1714-15, and 3. Cave, April 16, 1718. 4. Sir Edward, his successor; 5. Thomas-Grey, and 6. William, who are living, and in their minority: the daughters were, Mary, married to Sir Raphe Assheton, of Middleton, in Lancashire, Bart. and died at Middleton, Jan. 11, 1735, leaving no issue; and Elizabeth-Charlotte, who is unmarried. Lady Egerton, surviving her husband, remarried in 1732, to John Brooke, Esq; youngest son of Sir Thomas Brooke, of Norton, in Cheshire, Bart. and died at Heaton, Sept. 26, 1734, leaving two daughters; Frances, who is living, and Eleanor, who died soon after her mother: Sir Holland, died at Heaton, April 25, 1730, and was succeeded in dignity and estate by his eldest surviving son,

Sir Edward Egerton, the present baronet, who is the twenty-second male heir, in a lineal descent from David, baron of Malpas, before mentioned; and who is as yet unmarried.

ARMS: Quarterly, 8 Coats; 1. Argent, a Lion rampant, Gules, between three Pheons, Sable; 2. Gules, three Pheons, Argent. The original bearing of this family, till about the time of Ed. III. and appears upon an ancient shield, wrought in the stone, and depicted in Westminster-abbey, with the name of William de Malpas, over it, in old Saxon characters; 3. Azure, three Garbs, Or; the earl of Chester's; 4. Argent, three Lioncels, passant, regardant in Pale, Gules; Ralph ap Eynion's; 5. Argent, on a Bend, Gules, three Escarbuncles, of six Rayes, Or; Thorne-ton's; 6. Azure, two Bars, Argent, over all, on a Bend, Gules, three broad Arrows, of the second; Done's; 7. Argent, a Cheveron, Sable, between three Roses, Gules, bearded proper; Sir Gilbert Smith's; 8. Barry of six, Argent, and Azure, a Label of five Points, Gules; lord Grey, of Wilton's (a).

Besides the eight Coats abovementioned, this family sometimes quarter (as marshall'd by Sir William Dugdale,) the arms of Hugh Lupus, earl of Chester, of Alger, earl of Leicester, Kingsley, Silvester, Glanville, Fitz-Hugh, and Longchamp, barons of Wilton, Rokeley, De la Vache, Grey, earl of Kent, Hastings, earl of Pembroke, Cantelupe, lord Cantelupe, David, King of Scots, and earl of Huntingdon, barons Broase, and Bruere, Valence, earl of Pembroke, Waryn, lord Munchenfy, Marshall and Strongbowe, both earls of Pembroke, and Hastings, being descended by heirs female, from all the said families, and the issue of Sir John, by his first wife, add those of Holland, of Heaton, a family, for antiquity, and worthy extraction, inferior to few (b). This family also quarter those of Fitz-Osbert, alias Fitz-Ober, James, lord Ponte de l'Arche, in Normandy, Roger, earl of Clare, Hugh, lord Bardolph, John, lord Boutetourte, of Weoleygh-castle, Gilbert, lord Talbot, of Godericke, Barton, of Sharples, Shoresworth, Denton, of Denton, and Kenyon, of Kenyon.

SUPPORTERS: Dexter, a Wyverne, Or; sinister, a Lion, Argent, ducally crowned, as the Wyverne.

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CREST:

(a) Ex infor. Dom. Hol. Egerton, Bar. (b) Ibid.

CREST: On a Wreath, a Gerfalcon, with Bells jessant, Or; rising from a Glove, Argent, garnished and tassell'd as the Falcon, and issuing thereout a Columbine Branch, with Flowers almost surrounding the Falcon, proper, (alluding to the lord Grey's tenure of Eaton, in Buckinghamshire, by the service of keeping a Gerfalcon for the King,) which Crest is appropriated to the arms of this family, in a pedigree and atchievement done by Sir William Dugdale, Knt. Garter King at Arms. But the proper Crest of Egerton, is, on a Wreath, three broad Arrows, (two Saltierwise, and one in Pale,) Or, headed and feathered Sable, braced or banded together with a Ribband, Gules, and sometimes with a Wreath,) tasselled as the Arrows.

MOTTO: *Virtuti, non armis, fido*: and sometimes have given, *Leoni, non sagittis fido*.

SEATS: At *Farthinghoe*, three miles north-west from *Brackley*, *Northamptonshire*: at *Wrinehill*, alias *Wrineford*, twelve miles north from *Stafford*, and four miles west from *Newcastle*, *Staffordshire*; and at *Heaton*, three miles north from *Manchester*, *Lancashire*.

31. CLARKE, of Salford, Warwickshire.

(SIMON, ESQUIRE,)

Created BARONET, May 1, 1617.

THIS family, about the time of William, the conqueror, being possessed of Woodchurch, in Kent, were thence denominated.

Anchitel de Woodchurch, gave for arms (a), Gules, three Swords, erected in Pale, Argent; and for a Crest, a Hand coup'd at the wrist, proper, holding a Sword. Raphe, his son, is said to be custos (b) of the castle of London, in the time of William Rufus, and father of Roger, who married Isabel, daughter of Richard de Wakehurst. Mr. Philpot, in his discourse on Woodchurch (c), gives an account, 'That Woodchurch, in the hundred of Blackburn, in Kent, was the habitation of a family, of as deep root in antiquity, as any in this track; who extracted their surname, as well as borrowed their first original from this place. Roger de Woodchurch, is the first who does occur; who, in the ancient evidences, and the deeds of this place, which are not cloister'd within any date, finds a frequent mention; and from him, (as appears by an old pedigree of this family,) did it devolve to his grandchild, Sir Simon de Woodchurch, who is in the register of those eminent persons, who accompanied Ed. I. in his victorious and triumphant expedition into Scotland, where his victories entailed upon his memory, the character of *Malleus Scotorum*; but in this Sir Simon, the name, tho' not the male line, determin'd; for he, by matching with Susan, heir of Henry le Clerke, of Munfide, brought a large inheritance to own the signiory of Woodchurch; and his successors, in gratitude to a family, which had added so much of splendor, and

(a) Le Neve's MSS. vol. I. p. 95.

(b) Ex Coll. Tho. Jekyll, Arm. in Stem. hujus, Fam.

(c) *Villare Cantium*, p. 369.

' annex'd so plentiful a revenue to this name, alter'd their paternal appellation from Woodchurch to Clerke: and so in all their deeds, subsequent to this match, have written Clerke, alias Woodchurch, ever since. But as all families have their descent and period, as well as gradation and ascent, so had this; for, after this manor had, for so many hundred years, continued in this family, which had been productive of men, which had been planted in places of the greatest eminence, by which they were oblig'd to perform their service to their country, it came down at last, to Humphry Clerke, Esq; who, about the year 1594, pass'd it away by sale, to Walter Harlackenden, Esq; whose daughter and heir, Debora, married Sir Edward Hales, Bart.

Thomas Woodchurch, son of Roger, beforementioned, married Anne, daughter of Sir Walter Harvy, Knt. lord-mayor of London, in the reign of King John, by whom he had Sir Simon Woodchurch, Knt. who, by Susan, daughter and heir of Henry Clarke, had issue two sons; 1. Simon, who married Isabell, daughter of Sir Robert Rockesly, of Horton-Kirkby, near Dartford, in Kent, Knt. and left only a daughter and heir, Isabell, married to Adrian Fortescue. 2. Clarke Woodchurch, heir to his mother's lands, who married Benet, daughter and coheir of Robert Shert, of Woodchurch, and was father of

Peter Clarke, alias Woodchurch, who married Eleanor, daughter of Peter Rowling, and had two sons, John, and Henry, batchelor in divinity, who died S. P.

Sir John Clarke, Knt. eldest son, was at the battle of Poitiers, and winning of Calais: he married Margaret, daughter and heir of Delahay, and had a son, Henry Clarke, alias Woodchurch, who, by Maud, daughter of — Ichingham, of Ichingham, had issue, Robert Clarke de Woodchurch, who married Catherine, daughter of Richard Edingham, of Edingham, in Kent, by whom he had,

William Clarke, of Woodchurch, who had three wives; 1. Julian, daughter of — Roberts, of Glassenbury, in Kent. 2. Bennet, daughter of — Ashburnham, Esqrs. by neither of which had he any issue. 3. Elizabeth, daughter and heir of William Winterborne, of Sandhurst, in Kent, Esq; by whom he had two sons; 1. Robert, who married the daughter of Hales, of Halden, in Kent, but his issue failed: 2. John, who married Rabegge, daughter and coheir of Thomas Godfrey, of Allington, Esq; by whom, he became possessed of Fauconhurst. This William, built the south aisle at Woodchurch, and was there buried, 13 Edw. IV. 1473.

Humphry Clarke, son of John Clarke, of Woodchurch, was afterwards of King's-North, in Kent (a); and, by Margaret, his wife, daughter of John Maney, of Biddenden, in Kent, Esq; had

(a) E Coll. Tho. Jekyll, Arm.

had issue four daughters that were married, viz. Margaret, to William Brockman, of Newington : Elizabeth, to Richard Tucke, of Aldington : Joan, first married to Reginald Knight, secondly, to Thomas Graunt, and thirdly, to Sir Walter Ascough, Knt. and Lettice, first married to Martyn Culpeper, M. D. and secondly, to Robert Purflow : and two sons ; 1. Humphry Clarke, of Buckford, in Great-Chart, who sold the Woodchurch-estate : 2. Walter Clarke, of Ratcliffe, in com. Bucks, Esq; who married Elizabeth, daughter of Simon Edolph, of St. Radigans, in Kent, Esq; and had issue four sons ; Simon, Martin, who died S. P. John, who married Mary, daughter of Randall, of Dunkirk, and Humphry, who married Cicely, daughter of Nicholls : and a daughter, Anne, the wife of Abel Barnard.

Simon Clarke, Esq; the eldest son, married 1. Margaret, daughter and coheir of John Alderford, of Abbots-Salford, in co. War. Esq; (by Elizabeth, daughter of Peter Dormer, of Newbottel, Esq;) which induc'd him to purchase, in that county, several manors, and a good estate, particularly the manor of Salford-Priors (*a*), where he resided, and was created a baronet, 1617. He was a great encourager of Sir Wm. Dugdale, in his writing the *Antiquities of Warwickshire* ; and on the importunity of this Sir Simon, and his lady, he came first to London (*b*), accompanying them in their journey, in Easter-term, 1638, who afterwards introduc'd him to Sir Henry Spelman. This Sir Simon, paid 800*l.* on account of his loyalty, temp. Car. I. to the sequestrators, for his estate : He had issue, by the said Margaret, five sons ; Sir John, Walter, Thomas, Peter, a captain in the Low-countries, and Woodchurch, (who married the daughter of Thomas D'Abitot, of Ridmarsley-D'Abitot, in com. Wig. and left issue, Simon,) also a daughter, Elizabeth. His second lady was Dorothy, daughter of Thomas Hobson, of Cambridge, Gent. relict of William Hay, Gent. by whom he had no issue.

In Salford-Priors church, in Warwickshire, in the chancel, on the north wall, between two pillars, are several shields, with coats of arms depicted thereon, and inscriptions under them : in the midst, in a nich of the wall, there is a little statue of a lady lying along, and leaning her head upon her hand, and under it ;

Here lyeth Walter Clarke, who died ye 3 of May, 1607, and Thomas Clarke, who died ye 27 of May, 1616, being second and third Sonnes of Sir Simon Clarke, Knt. and Bart. by Dame Margaret, his first Wife, who died ye 2 of May, 1617, and is here interr'd, being Daughter and Coheir of John Alderford, of Abbots-Salford, Esq; by Elizabeth Dormer, his Wife : He died ye 27 of Decemb. 1606, and is heere buried.

(*a*) Dugdale's Warw. vol. II. p. 663.

(*b*) A. Wood's Athenæ Ox. vol. I. p. 664.

This monument was erected according to the lineal descents from father to sonne, of the Clarke's, alias Woodchurch, of Woodchurch, in Kent, with their wives, and cotes of armes, by Sir Simon Clarke, lord of this manor, anno 1631, in memory of his first wife, and his two sons by her, and y^e lady Dorothy, daughter to Thomas Hobson, his second wife (a).

On the shields are these arms, and these inscriptions.

1. Gules, three Swords, in Pale Argent, with their Points upwards, and under them ;

Anketolius Woodchurch, of Woodchurch, in Kent,
had Issue.

2. Woodchurch impaling Ermine, on a Fess, Gules, three Bezants, between three Gryffons Heads, eraz'd, Azure :

Radus. Woodchurch de Woodchurch, Custos Castri
Londoniensis, Tempore Willi. Rufus.

3. Woodchurch, empaling, Argent, a Chevron, between three Doves, Gules :

Roger Woodchurch, married Isabel Wakehurst, daughter to Richard Wakehurst, of Wakehurst.

4. Woodchurch, impaling Argent, two Bars, Nebule, Sable, on a Chief of the second, three crofs Patees, fitch of the first :

Thomas Woodchurch, married Anne, Daughter to
Sir Walter Harvie, Knt. Lord-Mayor of London,
and lived in King John's time.

5. Woodchurch, impaling Paly Wavy of six, Ermine and Sable.

Sir Simon Woodchurch, Knt. married Susanna,
Daughter and Heir of Henry Clarke, had Issue, Simon,
and Clarke Woodchurch.

6. Woodchurch, and Clarke, empaling Argent, on a Bend, Sable, a Rose of the first.

Clarke Woodchurch, second Son, had his Mother's
Land, and his elder Brother leaving but a Daughter,
had Woodchurch, married Bennet, Coheir of
Robert Shert.

7. Woodchurch, Clarke, and Shert, empaling Argent, two Bars, Gemelles, Gules :

Peter Clarke, alias Woodchurch, married Eleanor,
Daughter of Peter Rowlinge.

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(a) Dugdale's Warw. vol. II, p. 364, 365.

8. Woodchurch, Clarke, and Shert, impaling Argent, on a Fesse, Gules, two Martlets, Or, between six Martlets, Sable :

Sir John Clarke, alias Woodchurch, Knt, married Mildred, Daughter and Heire of Delahay : He was at the Battle of Poytiers, and winning of Calais.

9. Woodchurch, Clarke, Shert, and Delahay, empaling Azure, a Frette of eight Pieces, Argent :

Henry Clarke, alias Woodchurch, married Maude, Daughter to Ichingham, of Ichingham.

10. Woodchurch, Clarke, Shert, and Delahay, impaling Argent, a Chevron, Sable, between three Pellets, on a Chief, Gules, a Lion passant, Or :

Robert Clarke, of Woodchurch, married Catherine, Daughter to Richard Edingham, of Edingham, in Kent.

11. Woodchurch, Clarke, Shert, and Delahay, impaling Argent, on a Fesse, Sable, five Guttees of the first, between three Water-budges of the second :

William Clarke, married Elizabeth, one of the Heirs of William Winterborne, and built the South Isle at Woodchurch, is there buried. He died 13 Ed. IV. An^o. 1473.

12. Woodchurch, Clarke, Shert, Delahay, and Winterborne, impaling Sable, a Chevron between three Pelican's Heads, eraz'd, Argent.

John Clarke, of Woodchurch, in Kent, married Rabège, Daughter and Coheir of Thomas Godfry, and is buried at Woodchurch.

13. Woodchurch, Clarke, Shert, Delahay, Winterborne, and Godfry, impaling Party per pale, Argent and Sable, three Chevrons, with three Cinquefoils, two in Chief, and one in Base, counterchanged :

Humphrey Clarke, married Margaret, Daughter to John Mayny, of Biddenden, in Kent, and is buried at Kings-North, in Kent, had issue, Humphrey, and Walter, and four Daughters.

14. The same (as 13) impaling Ermine, on a Bend Sable, three Cinquefoils.

Walter Clarke, of Buxford, in Kent, 2d Sonne, married Elizabeth, Daughter to Simon Edolphe, of St. Radigons, in Kent, by Anne, his Wife. Both buried at Ratcliff, in Com. Buck.

15. The same, impaling quarterly, 1. Argent, a Saltire, Azure. 2. Argent, a Chevron, Azure, between three — Heads, erased and langued, Gules. 3. Sable, a Fesse, between three Doves, Argent, a Crescent for difference. 4. Argent, on a Bend, Sable, between two Lions rampant of the second, a Wyvern of the first.

Sir Simon Clarke, Knt. and Bart. married Margaret, Daughter and Coheir of John Alderford, and Elizabeth Dormer.

On the 16th shield, are all these arms quartered together.

On two shields just over the statue ;

1. Woodchurch, impaling Argent, a Saltire, Azure.
2. Woodchurch, impaling quarterly, 1. Or, on a Chevron, Azure, between three Bezants, as many Cinquefoils. 2. Barry of six, Argent and Sable ; on a Chief of the first, three Pellets, 3 as 2, 4 as 1.

On the top of all ;

Woodchurch, impaling Alderford, insiged with an Helmet, on a Torse, wreathed, Argent and Gules, a Fleur de Lis, Argent and Sable, with this Motto ;

Solertia vincat.

On a large monument, fixed to the south wall of the chancel, are, Woodchurch, alias Clarke's arms, impaling, Or, on a Chevron, between three Bezants, as many Cinquefoils, and under them these words :

Hic requiescunt Ossa Dominæ Dorothæ Clarke, Uxoris Relictæ Simonis Clarke, Baronetti, ultimi Mariti : Et Gulielmi Haye, prioris Mariti, Filiæ Thomæ Hobson, Cantabr. generosi. Ex hac Vita emigravit, 8^o Die Novem. Milessimo Sexcentesimo Nongessimono nono, Ætatis suæ 84.

Beneath this is her statue, at length, leaning her head upon her hand, and under it ;

In Memory of whom, Sir Fulwar Skipwith, Bar. her loving Nephew, erected this.

Sir John Clarke, Bart. eldest son and successor to Sir Simon, married Anne, daughter of John Williams, of Marnheville, Esq; but had no issue : she lies buried at Sunning, in Berks, with the following inscription, on a monument erected within the wall of the north isle, where, within a round compartment, is the statue, in white marble, of a woman, to the middle (a) :

Memoria

(a) Le Neve's Mon. Ang. vol. II. p. 24.

Memoriæ Sacrum :

Dna. Anna Clarke, Uxor Johis Clarke, de Salford,
in Comitatu Warwici, Baronetti, Filia Johis Wil-
liams, nuper de Marnhevell, in Com. Dorf.

Armigeri, H. S. E.

Da Lacrymas Tumulo, Lector, sed veras, quales

Fuderunt Maritus & Frater Johes Williams

Baronett. & M. M. P. Ano Dni. 1654.

Maritus hic optat Cineres suos jacere,

(Urna ferat violas perpetuumque vale

Dixit Maritus Williams Eques Auratus)

Defunctæ Patruelis,

Obiit 1^o Septembris, Anno Dni. 1653.

Sir John, beforementioned, dying without issue, was succeeded by his nephew, Sir Simon Clarke, eldest son of Peter Clarke, Esq; (who was killed in 1639, by the lord Morley) by Elizabeth, his wife, daughter of — Corbyson, of Warwickshire.

Which Sir Simon Clarke, Bart. married Mercy, daughter of Philip Brace, of Doverdale, in com. Wig. Esq; by whom he had two sons, Sir Simon, his successor, and Philip, (who left two sons, Sir Simon, hereaftermentioned, and Philip;) and two daughters, Elizabeth, and Mercy: Sir Simon, dying Nov. 10, 1687, was buried at Salford-Priors, in Warwickshire, where, below the former monument, on a flat stone, is this inscription (a):

Here lies interr'd the Body of Sir Simon Clarke, Baronet, the only Son of Peter Clarke, Esq; 2d Son to Sir Simon Clarke, Knt. and Bart. who was born at Dunkirk, in Flanders, his father being then a chief Commander in the Wars between the Spaniards and the United Netherlands; from whence he was brought an Infant to this Realm, where he soon appeared to be the true Heir of his Father's Courage and Vertues, and was accordingly chosen to serve his King and Country, in the quality of military Employment, by the right hon. Earl of Northampton, which he performed with great Loyalty and Integrity: he had four Children by Dame Mercy, the Daughter of Philip Brace, Esq; of Doverdale, in the County of Worcester, viz. Sir Simon Clarke, Bart. Philip, Elizabeth, and Mercy, now living. He was brought up in the Faith, constantly continued, and at last died in the Communion of the Church of England, Die Nov. 10, Anno Dom. 1687, Ætatis 52.

Here lies interr'd the Body of Dame Mercy Clarke, Relict of Sir Simon Clarke, Baronet; she departed this Life, the 22d Day of December, Anno Domini, 1698, Annoq; Ætatis 56. She was the best of Wives, best of Mothers, and best of Friends.

Sir

(a) Dugdale's Warw. vol. II. p. 865.

Sir Simon Clarke, Bart. eldest son and successor to his father, married a daughter of the reverend Mr. Castle, and left issue only one son,

Sir Simon-Peter Clarke, Bart. who first went to sea with the king's letter, on board the Assistance man of war, and afterwards serv'd in several different capacities at sea, but dying without issue, was succeeded by his cousin,

Sir Simon Clarke, Bart. eldest son of Philip, second son of Sir Simon, by Mercy, daughter of Philip Brace, Esq; beforementioned.

Which Sir Simon Clarke, the present baronet, lives in Jamaica, is married, and hath several children.

ARMS: Gules, Three Swords erect in Pale, Argent, Hilts, Or.

CREST: A Hand coup'd at the Wrist, proper, holding a Sword, as in the Arms.

32. Lucy, of Broxbourn, Hertfordshire.

(Sir RICHARD, KNIGHT,)

Created BARONET, March 11, 1617.

THIS family is generally said to take the name of Lucy, from a maternal ancestor; (tho', thro' distance of time, it can't evidently be made out) and that learned antiquary, Sir William Dugdale, proves it to be paternally descended from Gilbert de Gaunt, son of Baldwin, earl of Flanders, whose sister, William the conqueror married; of whom, and his descendants, he gives a long account, in his Baronage of England, and antiquities of Warwickshire.

This Gilbert de Gaunt, assisting his uncle, William, duke of Normandy, in the conquest of England, had, in reward for his services, (beside other possessions) the lands of one Tour, a Dane; and, at the time of the general survey, (14 William I.) held (a) one lordship in Berkshire, two in Oxfordshire, three in Yorkshire, six in Cambridgeshire, two in Buckinghamshire, one in Huntingdonshire, five in Northamptonshire, one in Rutland, one in Leicestershire, one in Warwickshire, eleven in Nottinghamshire, and one hundred and thirteen in Lincolnshire, of which, Folkingham was one, and the head of his barony where he seated himself: and marrying Alice, daughter and heir of Robert, son of Hugh Mountfort, had issue three sons:

And

(a) Dugd. Bar. of Eng. vol. I. p. 400.

And from Hugh, the eldest, descended the Gaunts, earls of Lincoln, which line extinguish'd in daughters, in the reign of King Edward I.

Hugh, the youngest, assumed the name of Mountfort, from his mother (*a*), (as was usual in those days) she being a very great inheritrix; for Hugh Mountfort, her grandfather, an expert and valiant soldier, accompanying William the conqueror into England, and sharing in the victory over King Harold, had, by his gift, twenty eight lordships, in Kent, besides a large proportion in Romney-Marsh, sixteen in Essex, fifty-one in Suffolk, and nineteen in Norfolk.

Which Hugh, son of the said Alice Mountfort, taking to wife, Adelina, daughter of Robert Mellent, earl of Leicester (*b*), had issue two sons, and two daughters; Robert, the eldest son, dying without issue, was succeeded by his brother, Thurstan de Mountfort, who erected a strong castle in Warwickshire, whereunto was given, from its pleasant situation, the French name, Beldefert, which continued the chief seat of his descendants for divers ages. He had two sons, Henry de Mountfort, who succeeded at Beldefert, (whose descendants were barons of the realm) and Thurstan, surnamed de Charlecote, from the manor of Charlecote, the ancient possessions of the Mellents, earls of Leicester; which, by the marriage aforesaid, of Hugh de Mountfort, with Adelina, accru'd (no doubt) to Thurstan, his father, son of the said Hugh, with other large possessions belonging to the Mellents.

The said Thurstan de Charlecote, had a son, Walter, to whom, Henry de Mountfort, with Alice de Harcourt, the widow of Robert de Mountfort, his elder brother, gave all his right in the village of Charlecote; which grant, King Richard I. by his letters patents, bearing date at Dover, 6 Decemb. — confirmed to the same Walter and his heirs, adding divers immunities and privileges thereto; all which were ratify'd by King John, in the fifth of his reign.

From this Walter de Charlecote, (who was a knight) by Cicely, his wife, descended William, that assum'd the surname of Lucy, (as Sir William Dugdale (*c*) thinks) from his mother, that might be an heir to some branch of that family, the Lucy's being denominated from a place of the same name, in Normandy (*d*), and eminent barons of the realm, being lords of Egremont and Cockermouth; which baronies devolv'd on two coheirs, married to Lambert, and Alan de Moulton, brothers; the eldest of whom had Egremont; and Alan, the youngest, (whose posterity took the name of Lucy) Cockermouth (*e*).

Of the said William de Lucy, Sir William Dugdale gives this

(*a*) *Ibid.* ut præd. p. 407.
ut præd. vol. I. 502.

(*b*) Dugd. Ant. War. vol. II. p. 799.

(*d*) Camden's Remains, (e) Dugd. Baron. vol. I.

(c) *Ibid.*

this (a) account; that he had a confirmation of the lordship of Charlecote, from Thurstan de Mountfort, son and heir of Henry de Mountfort, above specify'd, and was in arms with the barons, against King John; but returning to his Allegiance, in 1 Henry III. had his lands seized upon for that offence, restor'd to him, as appears by the king's mandate to the sheriffs of Worcester, Gloucester, Warwick, and Leicestershire, within which counties this estate lay. In 6 Henry III. he had the king's letters patent, confirming to him the hundred of Kinton, that had been granted by King Henry II. and ratified by King John, to Walter, the son of Thurstan de Charlecote, but had been seized by King Henry III. with the demesnes of the crown, and such escheats as had happen'd.

This William de Lucy, was a knight, in 17 Henry III. and executor to his brother, Stephen de Lucy, by whose death he had a great personal estate. In 18 Henry III. Walter de Lascy, (a great baron) conferr'd on him and his heirs, the stewardship of all his lands in England, with two carucates, part of the demesne belonging to his castle of Ludelaw; in consideration of which two Carucates, the said William, and his heirs, were to be constables of that castle, and maintain, for ever, a priest, a porter, and two centinels there, as formerly had been used, except at such times as the said Walter, and his heirs came thither, and then he and his heirs were to remain in the outer ward during their stay there. And farther it was agreed, that the said Walter, and his heirs should fortify and defend it themselves, at their own costs, in times of hostility. And that the said William, and his heirs, might take the accustom'd rates assess'd on bread and beer, in the town of Ludelaw, in the absence of the said Walter, and his heirs; and that he and they should have fewel in the woods belonging thereto. And farther, that when ever the said William, and his heirs, by command of the said Walter, and his heirs, should be called to hold their courts, receive accompts, or other occasions, that he and they should have entertainment for themselves and horses, at the charge of the said Walter, and his heirs; which agreement beareth date, at Trim, in Ireland, 1 August, 18 Henry III.

In 20 Henry III. the custody of Warwickshire, and Leicestershire, was committed to his charge, together with the castle of Kenilworth; in which trust he continued for the space of three years; and in 25 Henry III. was joined in commission with the then sheriff, Philip de Ascells, and others, for viewing all the castles in Warwickshire, and certifying their defects to the king. In the next year, he is mention'd to be signed with the cross, for

(a) Ant. of Warw. vol. I. p. 502, & seq.

a religious crusade : and this William, was he that founded the monastery of Thelesford, stiling himself in the charter, *Filius Walteri de Charlecote* ; giving lands for the building a church, and an hospital for the relief of poor people, receipt of pilgrims, and sustenance of religious men, there serving God for ever : Adding to this his gift, the advouson of the church at Charlecote, and confirming half a yard-land, which Cicely, his mother had granted. He bore for his arms, Verry, three Lucies hauriant, Argent, as appears by the impresson of one of his seals ; but by another, there is nothing of Verry. He married two wives, Isabel, daughter to Absolon de Aldermonestone, with whom he had certain lands given him, by Gervase, then abbot of Pershore. The second was, Maud, sister, and one of the coheirs to John Cotele, of whose inheritance he had the manor of Bereuton, in Hants. and departed this life, about 32 Henry III. leaving issue.

Sir William Lucy, Knt. his son and heir, of whom I find nothing (a) memorable but his marriage, which was with a great heir, viz. Amicia, daughter and heir to William de Furches, and heir also of William Fitz-Warin, by whom he had issue, Fouk de Lucy.

Which Fouk, was of the retinue to Peter de Montfort, one of the rebellious barons that took up arms against the king, in 48 Henry III. and was in such favour with them for his activeness, that, being indebted to one Elyas le Blund, a jew of London, in a great sum of mony, he procur'd a special mandate (dated 7 Maii, 49 Henry III.) directed to the commissioners, in whose hands, the estates of the jews then seized on, were intrusted, to deliver up the bonds, and discharge him thereof ; acquitting him of all interest, but reserving the payment of the principal into the exchequer ; the barons, at that time, having the king's person in their custody, whom they took prisoner in the battle of Lewes, and made use of his great seal, and all other regal authority, in his name.

But these barons being soon after utterly vanquished at Evesham, their estates were confiscated, most of which were given away to those that had firmly stuck to the king, and the estate of this Fouk de Lucy, was given to Robert Waleraund ; however, by that favourable decree, call'd *Dictum de Kenilworth*, he was admitted to composition, and enjoy'd his estate again.

This Fouk, was a special lover of good horses ; for in 11 Ed. I. he gave xl marks to two Londoners, that were merchants of horses, for a black horse ; about which time, a fat ox was sold but for 16s. In 14 Edw. I. he was one of the justices for the goal-delivery, at Warwick ; and 15 Edward I. as also 17 Ed. I. he

(a) Dugdale's Warw. vol. I. p. 503.

he was one of the four knights to take care for the conservation of the peace, in the county of Warwick, according to the statute of Winchester; and having been a benefactor to the canons of Thelesford, died 31 Edw. I. leaving issue, by Petronil, his wife, William Lucy, his son and heir, then 26 years of age.

Which William, had livery of his father's lands the same year he died, and was a knight in 2 Edw. II. if not sooner; and bore for his arms, Gules, seme of Croslets, with three Lucies hauriant, Argent, as by his seal appears. He was a person of great note, for he serv'd as knight for Warwickshire, in the parliament held at Westminster, 6 Edw. II. in that at York, 15 Edw. II. and likewise in the parliaments held 17 Edw. II. and in those held at Northampton, 2, and at Westminster, 10 Edw. III. (a) He was often in commission for goal-deliveries at Warwick, and for conservation of the peace, according to the statute of Winchester. In 15 and 16 Edw. II. for chusing foot-soldiers, and conducting them to Newcastle upon Tyne, to march against the Scots. In 18 Edw. II. for ordering the knights, esquires, and other soldiers that were to serve on horseback with the king, in his wars of Gascoigne: he was likewise a benefactor to the canons of Thelesford; and, by Elizabeth his wife, had issue a daughter, married to Geffery, son of Robert Lascells, and William, his son and heir.

Which William de Lucy, in 15 Edw. II. was in the Welsh expedition; and in 18 Edw. III. was a knight, being then in commission to enquire and certify the names of such in his county, who had from an hundred shillings to 1000l. per ann. deducting the services and necessary reprises. In 19 Edw. III. he receiv'd summons, with many other persons of quality, to prepare himself with horse and arms, by the feast of St. Laurence, to attend the king in his French expedition, at which time, the famous battle of Cressy was fought, he being of the retinue of Thomas Beauchamp, earl of Warwick, but exempted from attendance at that time, being then join'd in commission with the sheriff to array 160 archers in Warwickshire, for the king's service. He died about 22 Edw. III. and, by Elizabeth, his wife, left issue, Thomas Lucy, who had two wives; Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Guy [son of] Fitz-Robert, and Philippe; which last, 28 Edw. III. join'd with him in a grant of certain arable land in Charlecote, to the canons of Thelesford, to pray for the souls of William de Clinton, earl of Huntington, and them the said Thomas, and Philippe.

This Thomas, had issue, William Lucy, who, being a knight, in 5 Richard II. was the same year retain'd to serve John of Gaunt, duke of Lancaster, and king of Castile, with one esquire for life, as well in times of war as peace; for which service, to

(a) Fryn's Regist. de Efil, annis

have 20l. per ann. besides his diet; and, in 1 Henry IV. was one of the knights for Warwickshire, in the parliament then held at Westminster.

To him succeeded Thomas, his son and heir, retained also with the said duke of Lancaster, for term of life, to serve him, as well in times of peace as war; for which he was to have ten marks per ann. wages. This Thomas, being a knight in 7 Henry IV. serv'd the same year for his county in parliament; and the next year was constituted sheriff of Warwick and Leicestershires, and was of the retinue to Richard Beauchamp, earl of Warwick, for which he had 20l. per ann. fee. He wedded Alice, only daughter of Sir William Hugford, (but by the death, without issue, of Margery, daughter to William, son and heir to the said Sir William) and at length his heir, whereby he had a fair inheritance lying in the counties of Bedford and Salop: and departing this life, 28 Julii, 3 Henry V. left William, his son and heir, thirteen years of age; the said Alice, afterwards marrying Richard Archer, of Tanworth, Esq; within eight weeks after his said decease.

This William, was, during his minority, in ward to John Boteler, of Warrington, in com. Lanc. Esq; and in 2 Henry VI. upon the death of Elizabeth, widow to Sir John Clinton, was found cousin and heir to her. In 12 Henry VI. (a) I find him in the catalogue of those men of note in this shire, that made oath for performance of such particular things as were determined of in the parliament held at Westminster that year. In 14 Henry VI. he was sheriff of Warwick and Leicestershires; as also 28 Henry VI. and the same year join'd in commission with the lord Grey, of Groby, and others, for treating with the people about a loan to the king; as likewise (31 Henry VI.) with Humphry, duke of Buckingham, and others, for that purpose. He adher'd to the house of York, in their quarrel with the Lancastrians; for, 38 Henry VI. he had a protection from the earls of March and Warwick, dated 18 July, and ended this life, 6 Edw. IV. leaving, by Elizabeth, his wife, daughter to Reginald, lord Grey, of Ruthyn, William, his son and heir, twenty-six years of age, who, in 7 Edw. IV. doing fealty for the manor of Haverham, in com. Bucks. held of the king, as of his honour of Peverell, as also for the manor of Shrewley, in com. Warw. held also of the king, as of his dutchy of Lancaster, had his homage respited.

This William, was in commission of the peace, in 11, 12, 13 and 14 Edward IV. in which 14th year, he had, for some great and special considerations, the gift of 160l. bestowed on him by the king, out of the profits of Warwickshire and Leicestershire, being the same year sheriff of those counties. In 20 Ed. IV.

(a) Dugdale, ib.d. vol. I. p. 504.

I find he was a knight; and in 1 Henry VII. he was created knight of the Bath, at the queen's coronation. 6 Henry VII. he was in commission for arraying men in com. Warwic. upon King Charles VIII. king of France, threatening an invasion, and the next year, released to the canons of Thelesford, certain privileges, that he and his ancestors had, viz. toll-tack, stallage, and bloodshed: and, by his testament, bearing date, 2 July, 1492, bequeath'd his body to be buried in the church of Stratford upon Avon, leaving bequests to eight churches next adjoining, to Cherlecote (*a*), viz. Hampton, Waspeton, Beresford, Newbold, Wellesburne, Loxley, Alveston, and Shireburne; and for the observation of his exequies, divers sums to the house of Thelesford, nuns of Pinley, the canons and vicars of Warwick, and to the wardens and priests of Stratford; dying the day after.

He married, first, Margaret, daughter to John Brecknock, treasurer to King Henry VI. by whom he had issue, Edmund, Henry, and Humphry; and Rose, wedded, first, to John, son of Sir Thomas Poultney; secondly, to John Braconbridge. His second lady was, Alice, daughter of William Hanbury, which Alice, died 10 Henry VII. and was buried on the left side of her said husband, as in her life-time she desired: she had by him, William, Edward, and Mary, wife of John Densell.

Edmund Lucy, Esq; (eldest son and heir of Sir William,) succeeded in the estate at Cherlecot, aged twenty-eight; and in 2 Henry VII. was a commander in the king's army at the battle of Stoke, juxta Newark. And in April 7, Henry VII. retain'd, by indenture, to serve the said king in his wars, for one year, with two men at arms, having with him his custrell (*b*), and his page, and three demi-lances, thirty archers on foot, and six bills of good and able persons; taking for himself, and men at arms, 17d. per diem; for his demi-lances, 9d. and archers and bills, 6d. per diem. This being the time that King Henry took his voyage into France, and besieg'd Bullogne. In 10 Henry VII. (20 Sept.) he had summons among divers persons of quality, to attend the king, ready fitted, to be made a knight of the Bath, at the creating the king's son, duke of York: but it seems, he did not appear; for in April following, his testament bears date, wherein he is stil'd esquire; and, among other matters relating to his funeral, &c. (*c*) bequeath'd his body to be buried in the monastery of Thelesford, near his mother: to the house of Thelesford, he bequeathed a cross of silver, gilt, of 10l. value; forty marks to be spent and given on the day of his burial, by his executors, to priests, clarks, and poor people; and also willed, that

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(*a*) Dugd. ibid. p. 505.
ibid. vol. I. p. 505.

(*b*) A groom of the stable, Dugdale, ibid.

(*c*) Dugd.

at his month's mind, twelve poor men, holding torches, should have each of them a black gown and hood, and 4d. in money; likewise that his anniversary should be kept at Thelesford, for the space of twenty years after his death, and xl.s. spent thereat, for dirige over night, masses, and to poor people. He further willed, that one priest of the same order with those at Thelesford, should sing in the said chapel, for his soul, for the souls of Jane, his wife, and Sir William Lucy, Knt. his father, and all christen souls, by the space of six years, next after his decease: and that the same priest should have yearly, for so doing, during the said six years, eight marks, to be paid by the hands of his executors: and that a marble stone of seven foot in length, and four in breadth, with the arms of himself and his wife, and their portraitures, together with an inscription, might be laid upon his grave: of which testament, he constituted Sir Reginald Bray, Knt. (a great man in that time) supervisor. He had, by Jane, his wife, daughter of Richard Ludlow, (and afterwards wife of Richard Hungerford) two sons, Thomas, and Edmund; and a daughter, Anne, married to — Leigh.

Thomas, eldest son and heir, succeeded at Cherlecote, and was one of the sewers to King Henry VIII. in the first year of his reign; at which time he obtained letters patent, bearing date Sept. 21, for the custody of all the lands belonging to George Catesby, of Ashby-Legers, in com. Northamp. Eq; then deceas'd, to hold, during the minority of William Catesby, his son and heir. He was a knight, 6 Henry VIII. and in 16 Henry VIII. sheriff of Warwick and Leicestershires. He took to wife, Elizabeth, widow of the said George Catesby, daughter to Sir Richard Empson, of Easton-Nelson, in Northamptonshire; and, by his testament, ult. Julii, 17 Henry VIII. bequeath'd his body to be buried in the Grey-Fryars, at London; appointing, that within a year after his decease, there should be a stone laid upon his grave, with the portraiture of himself, his lady, and children, and his arms at the four corners; as also, such an inscription as his executors should devise, to the intent that good people might have remembrance to pray for his soul, and all christen souls, (for those are his words): he also willed, that a priest should be found, by his said executors, to say mass, and to pray for his soul, in the parish-church of Cherlecote, or Ashby, for the space of three whole years after his decease, and dying Sept. 3, 1525, was buried before the altar, in Grey-Fryars (a), now called Christ-church,

(a) But his tomb is not to be found, for of cxiv persons that were buried there, whereof Stow, in his survey of London, vol. I.B. 3, p. 132. makes mention, reciting the name of each that had a monument; amongst which is, Margaret, daughter to Philip, king of France, and wife to King Edw. I. Isabel, wife to King Edw. II. Joan, queen of Scots, daughter to King Edw. II, with divers others of the English nobility, and other persons of special

church, near Smithfield. He left three sons, and three daughters; Anne, wedded to Thomas Herbert; Radegund, married to — Betts; and Barbara, to Richard Tracy, of Stanway, in com. Gloucester. Esqrs. Of his sons, William, the eldest, had the estate at Charlecote; to Thomas, second son (*a*), he gave the manor of Cleybrook, in com. Leicest. and to the heirs-male of his body, with remainder to Edmund, his youngest son, to whom he bequeathed the manors of Beckering and Sharpenho, in Seginbo, and Richmond, in Bedfordshire, with remainder to Thomas, aforesaid, for want of issue-male of the said Edmund.

William Lucy, (eldest son and heir of the said Sir Thomas) married Anne, daughter of Richard Fermer, of Easton, in com. Northton. Esq; and died 5 Edw. VI. leaving issue, Thomas, his son and heir, Richard, William, Timothy, and Edward; and these daughters; Alice, married to William Fuller; Mary, to Christopher Hales, Esqrs. Jane, to George, son of Sir Robert Verney, Knt. Martha, and Joyce.

Thomas (eldest son and heir of the said William) succeeded at Charlecote, and, in 1 Eliz. rebuilt the manor-house of brick, as it now stands. In 7 Eliz. he received the honour of knighthood; and in 13 Eliz. was elected knight of the shire for the county of Warwick, and likewise in the parliament held in the twenty-seventh of that queen (*b*). He married Joice, daughter and heir of Thomas Acton, of Sutton, in com. Wig. Esq; When he died, I don't find; but he surviv'd his lady, and erected a fair tomb on the south side of the chancel, at Charlecote, on which, is the effigies of a knight in armour, with his lady by him, in prostrate postures; their hands conjoin'd in prayer, their heads on a pillow; and at their feet his and her crest. On the exterior side, in the two columns, are the effigies of his son in armour, and a daughter, kneeling on cushions, in praying postures;

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cial quality, and in particular, the name of this Sir Thomas Lucy; there is not now one to be seen; and if you desire to know what is become of their tombs, hearken to what the same author says, viz. All these, and five times as many more, have been buried here, whose monuments are wholly defaced, for there were ix tombs of alabaster and marble, environed with strikes of iron, in the choir, and one tomb in the body of the church, also coped with iron, all pulled down, besides xxi grave-stones of marble, all sold for fifty pounds, or thereabouts, by Sir Martin Bowes, goldsmith and alderman of London.—Dugdale's Warw. vol. I. p. 506.

(*a*) Dugdale's War. vol. I. p. 405. tho' in an extract of his will, which I have seen, he left his manor of Compton, Chamberlain, in com. Wilts. Charlton and Wotton, in com. Bed. Havesham and Leighton-adwoson, in com. Bucks. Charlcote, Hunsfote, Cherington, Shrowley, Newbold, Pacy, and Welborne, Hastings, in com. Warw. to the use of his will: Anne, Radegund, and Barbara, to have 500 marks each. Edmund, second son, to have the manor of Bekering, in com. Bedf. and lands in Wotton, in tail-male, remainder to William, his son. Thomas, his third son, to have the manor of Cleybroke, in Leic. in tail-male, remainder to William. Elizabeth, his wife, to have all his goods. Executors, Elizabeth, his wife, John Cole, subdean of the king's chapel, and Richard Drewell, Esq;

(*b*) MS. penes B. Willis, Arm.

and, over all, in a table fix'd against the wall, between two pillars, adorn'd with arms, and a quarter'd atchievement, is this inscription (a):

Here entombed lyeth, the Lady Joyce Lucy, Wife of Sir Thomas Lucy, of Charlecote, in the County of Warwick, Knt. Daughter and Heir of Thomas Aston, of Sutton, in the County of Worcester, Esq; who departed out of this wretched World, to her heavenly Kingdom, the 10th Day of February, in the year of our Lord God, 1595; and of her age lx and three: All the time of her Life, a true and faithful Servant of her good God, never detected of any Crime or Vice; in Religion most sound; in her Love to her Husband, most faithful and true; in Friendship most constant; to what in trust was committed to her, most secret; in Wisdom excelling; in governing her House, and bringing up of Youth in the Fear of God, that did converse with her, most rare and singular; a great maintainer of Hospitality; greatly esteem'd of her Betters; mislik'd of none, unless of the Envious. When all is spoken that can be said, a Woman so furnish'd and garnish'd with Vertue, as not to be better'd, and hardly to be equall'd by any. As she lived most vertuously, so she died most godly, Set down by him that best did know what hath been written to be true.

Thomas Lucy.

The said Sir Thomas, left issue a daughter, Anne, wedded to Sir Edward Aston, of Tixhall, in com. Staff. Knt. and a son of his own name.

Thomas Lucy, who received the honour of knighthood, 36 Eliz. in the life-time of his father; and after marrying two wives, viz. Dorothy, daughter of Nicholas Arnold, Esq; and Constance, daughter and heir of Sir Richard Kingsmill, of High-Clere, in com. Southton, Knt. surveyor of the court of wards, died 1 Jac. I. 1603 (b), and lies buried in a chapel, on the north side the chancel of the church of Charlecote, under a sumptuous monument, (erected by Dame Constance, his lady, who surviv'd him) but without any inscription. The effigies of a knight in armour, lying on his back, under a canopy, his hands conjoin'd, his head on a cushion, and his crest at his feet; and, between two enarchings, is a pilaster, exhibiting a final of the figure of Time, the whole supported by two pillars, with the atchievement of the family, and Lucy, impaling Kingsmill, &c. On the basis, the figures of fourteen children, kneeling; two in armour, singly

(a) Dugdale's War, vol. I, p. 512.

(b) Ant. of Warw. vol. I, p. 506.

singly, and the others, two and two in Groups; and, adjoining to the same, (on a protuberant stone) is the figure of his last wife, (Constance, daughter and heir of Sir Richard Kingsmill,) kneeling on a cushion at prayer.

This Sir Thomas, by Dorothy, his first wife, daughter of Nicholas Arnold, Esq; had one son, Thomas, who died young, and a daughter, Joyce, married to Sir William Cook, of Highnam, in com. Glouc. Knt. and, by the lady Constance, beforementioned, six sons; 1. Sir Thomas, of whom hereafter: 2. Sir Richard, ancestor to the branch we are now to treat of: 3. George: 4. William, who became a commoner of Trinity-college, Oxford (a), and was entered as a knight's son, and took one degree in arts, and then went to Lincoln's-Inn, and studied the municipal laws for some time. Afterwards, desiring a sedate and academical life, he went to Caius-college, Cambridge, liv'd several years there on his estate, and at length, took the degree of batchelor of divinity; about which time, being made chaplain to George, duke of Bucks, by his majesty's special recommendation (who then told the duke, that he should have an eye on him, as occasion serv'd) he was admitted doctor of divinity, much about the same time he became rector of Burgh-Cleere and High-Clere, in Hampshire, where continuing in a quiet repose, till the grand rebellion broke out, was often disturbed for his loyalty, and at length sequestred; after his majesty's restoration, he became bishop of St. David's by his nomination, to which, being consecrated in St. Peter's church, in Westminster, Decem. 2, 1660, sat there till the time of his death. He was a person of signal candour, and virtues requisite in a churchman, which, in the worst of times, gain'd him great esteem from the very enemies of his order and function. He wrote observations and confutations of notorious errors, in Mr. Hobbs's Leviathan, and several other tracts. He died, Oct. 4, 1677, and was buried in the collegiate church of Brecknock, in Wales: over his grave is the effigies of the defunct, to the middle part, in a gown and lawn sleeves, curiously fram'd from alabaster, with the right hand holding a book, and the left resting on a death's head; all set up in the wall, near his grave, with this inscription, in golden letters, on a black marble:

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Vigilantissimi præulis Gulielmi Lucy. qui veterum natalium profapia, morum Candore miro, ingenii acumine perspicaci, literaturæ reconditoris Claritate, integritate Vitæ spectabili, Virtutis omnigenæ præsidio ad amissim ornatus, & ad Gradus Episcopalis apicem feliciter erectus voce præ-

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(a) Wood's Athenæ Oxon. vol. II. p. 596.

sidebat & Exemplo, Meritis & Pietate, sacrâ
 Infulâ dignissimus. Æquam servavit in u-
 traque forte mentem adversis fulvi proba-
 tus instar auri, non fractus unquam fuit,
 nec elatus rebus prosperis. Ecclesiæ An-
 glicanæ fulgebat sidus lucidum, verbi di-
 vini (dum res tulit) Concionator assiduus,
 Veritatis Orthodoxæ Vindex acerrimus,
 Ordinis Hierarchi Decus & propugnacu-
 lum, & Sedis Menevensis per Annos octo-
 decim ingens Ornamentum, Satur Dierum
 & maturus Cœlo huic mundo placidè nec
 nvitus valedixit, Oëtobris Die quarto, An-
 no Ætatis 86. Dom. MDCLXXVII.

The bishop was father of Richard (*a*), chancellor of the church of St. David's, (so made by his father) who died in 1689, and of Spencer Lucy (*b*), made canon and treasurer of the cathedral-church of St. David's, by his father, and died at Brecknock, Feb. 9, 1690. The bishop was grandfather (*c*) of William Lucy, of Castle-Cary, in com. Somerset. Esq; and of George Lucy, of Pembroke, in Wales, Esq; The fifth son of Sir Thomas, was, Robert; and 6. Francis, who left a son, Richard, who married Rebecca, daughter and coheir of Thomas Chapman, of Wormley, in Hertfordshire, Esq; relict of Sir Thomas Playters, of Sotterley, in Suffolk, Bart. who, surviving her second husband, was remarried to Sir Rowland Lytton, of Knebworth, in com. Hertf. Knt. and died May 23, 1685.

Sir Thomas, the eldest son of Sir Thomas, beforementioned, was knighted; and succeeding at Charlecote, had the honour of being elected knight of the shire (*d*) for the county of Warwick, in six several parliaments, from the eighteenth of King James I. to the time of his death, the 8th of December, 1640. His character and virtues is set forth in a latin inscription, (on a noble and curious monument (*e*) erected to his memory, at Charlecote; the effigies of him and his lady lying at full length, under a canopy, supported by four pillars; at their feet, the figure of a gentleman riding a managed horse; and, at their head, a study of books) importing, that he was the ornament and delight of his country; glorying more in vertue, than the blood of his ancestors; wherein he was greater, and more illustrious. How much his country lov'd him, and he his country, the assemblies in parliament demonstrated; and, as no one better minded, so none studied less their domestick affairs. He was a most indulgent husband to his wife

(*a*) Wood's Fasti, vol. II. p. 101.
 p. 506.
 vol. I. p. 511.

(*b*) Ibid. 160.
 (*d*) MS. penes Brown Willis, Arm.

(*c*) Dugdale, ibid.
 (*e*) Ant. Warw. præb.

wife and children, and a kind master to his servants. His tables were open to the learned; nor were his gates fast to the poor. He gave, yearly, cartloads of food to divers parishes, and daily busied himself in some work, that it might not be said, he did ill in doing nothing. The manag'd horse was his chief exercise; and that (by a bruise in his bowels,) occasion'd his death, in the fifty-sixth year of his age. The inscription on his monument beforementioned, is as follows (a):

Thomas Lucie,
Miles,

Agri Varvicensis Decus & Deliciæ, antiquissima oriundus Familiâ, Virtute nihil duxit antiquius: quâ majoribus suis etiam perillustribus emicuit (si fas dicere) major, & illustrior. Quantus extiterit in illum Patriæ Amor, quanta illius in Patriam pietas, publica Regni Comitia (quibus sæpe numero popularis illum ardor inservit) abundè perhibent. Rei familiari splendidissimæ, nemo aut melius prospexit aut minus serviit: promentibus indies Liberalitate & Magnificentiâ quæ Frugalitas condiderat. Patrem Familias præstitit qualem perpauci. Famulorum, si quem morbus corripuerat, & ipse statim male habuit, adhibuit Medicum, suis sumptibus restituit, qui Pater in hero erga Servos, facile judices quid fuerit in Patre erga suavissimam prolem, in Marito erga dilectissimam Uxorem! Mensæ (quæ nunquam non opipera) bonus quisq; gratissimus accubuit, præsertim si Theologiam sapuit & Musas imbibit: quarum ipse sitientior dubium an scientior fuerit. Musæum certè animatum audit: neque minus benigna pauperculis janua: cui famem omnibus eximenti, qui valedixit, etiam benedixit. Multas Operas, præcipue ne nihil agentes malè agerent, quotidie exercuit. Multis opidulis etiam plaustra Cibariorum quotannis transmisit. Bellatorem equum, qui apud illum plurimus, & nusquam loci pluris, nusquam generosior, animi gratia sæpiusculè pressit, cui nisi callidiùs fuisset quam sibi moderatus (nam equo intentior læsit intestina) nondum ille, quo fuimus sælices & quo non alter fuit in terris sælicior, fuisset in cælis felicissimus. Nobis autem occidet, sibi; exortus est, Decembris viii. Anno Dom. M.DC.XXXX.

Ætatis suæ, LVI.

Et Alicia Uxor ipsius,

Filia & Hæres Thomæ Spenser, de Claverdon, Armigeri. Cujus eximias Virtutes prohibet hoc Mar- more (quod nec illas capit) nimia superstitis Mo-

destia.

(a) Dugdale, *ibid*,

destia. Hoc solum patitur, fuisse Conjugis dum erat in vivis observantissimam, possuisse mortuo hoc qualecunque Monumentum; factumque præ Amore atq; Mærore (uti cernis) Marmoreum.

Alice, his lady, was daughter and heir of Thomas Spencer, of Claverdon, in com. Warw. Esq; (a) second son of Sir John Spencer, of Althorpe, in com. Northton. Knt. who brought him six sons, and six daughters; from this Sir Thomas, the family now residing at Charlecote, in Warwickshire, are descended.

Sir Richard, his brother, (second son of Sir Thomas Lucy, and the lady Constance, beforementioned) was knighted at Whitehall, 8 Jan. 1617, and advanced to the dignity of a baronet, on the 11th of March following, being seated at Broxburn, in Hertfordshire, in right of his first wife, who was, Elizabeth, daughter and coheir of Sir Henry Cock, of the said place, Knt. (b) and widow of Robert West, Esq; son and heir of Thomas, lord De la Warr, and likewise of Sir Robert Oxenbridge, Knt. she, dying 1645, Sir Richard, married secondly, Rebecca, daughter and coheir of Thomas Chapman, of Wormley, in Hertfordshire, Esq; he dying, April 6, 1667, had by his first wife, a daughter, Constantia, married to Henry, lord Coleraine, of the kingdom of Ireland, and one son, Sir Kingsmill, his successor in the title and estate.

Which Sir Kingsmill Lucy, of Facombe, in com. Southton, Bart. afterwards purchased a seat and estate, at Netley, in the same county, and for the most part resided there; but departed this life, at Facombe, in which church he had sepulture. He married the lady Theophila, second daughter of George, earl of Berkeley, (who surviving her husband, married Robert Nelson, Esq; well known to the world for his *Feasts and Fasts of the Church of England*, and his other excellent books of devotion,) and left issue one son, Sir Berkeley, his successor, and two daughters; Theophila, married to Sir William Ingoldsby, of Lethenbro', in Bucks, Bart. and Mary, who died unmarried.

Which Sir Berkeley Lucy, the present baronet, married Catherine, daughter of Charles Cotton, of Berresford, in com. Staff. Esq; (son and heir of Charles, son of Sir George Cotton, Knt, and Mary, his wife, daughter of ———, and relict of the earl of Ardglass) which lady died, June 1740, and had several children, whereof, only one daughter, Mary, is now living, and married to the honourable Charles Compton, Esq; consul at Lisbon, younger brother to the right honourable the earl of Northampton.

ARMS: Gules, Crusule, of cross Crofflets, Or, three Lucies, [or Pikes] hauriant, Argent, a Crescent for distinction.

CREST:

(a) Dugdale's Warw. vol. I. p. 506.

(b) Chauncey's Hertf. p. 289.

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CREST: In a ducal Crown, Or, a Boar's Head coup'd, ermine, between two wings display'd, sable, tusk'd and crin'd, Or, languid Gules.

MOTTO: *Non nobis nascimur.*

SEATS: At *Netley* and *Facombe*, in *Hants*, and *Broxburn*, in *Hertfordshire*.

33. BOYNTON, of Barmston, Yorkshire.

(Sir MATTHEW, KNIGHT,)

Created BARONET, May 25, 1618.

THIS is a family of very great antiquity, and the first mentioned in the pedigree (*a*), is Bartholemew de Boynton, who was seized of the manor of Boynton, (from whence the family were denominated) and lived A. D. 1067, and was succeeded in his estate by his son, Walter, who lived in the time of William Rufus, 1091. Some time after, we meet with, Bruis de Bointon (*b*), a witness with the prior of Tinmouth, and others, to a donation in frank Almoigne, made by Ranulf de Merley, in 30 Henry I. 1129, confirming to the monks of Durham, Morvic, with the appurtenances; that his father William de Merley, had before granted them: to whom succeeded, Sir Ingram de Boynton, Knt. seated at Aclam, in that county, who had issue, Sir William, his son and heir, living in the reign of King Edward I. (*c*) father to another Ingram de Boynton (*d*), who left issue, by Margaret, his wife, daughter of Sir Walter Grindal, Knt. Walter, his son and heir.

Which Walter de Boynton, was knighted (*e*), and in 30 Ed. III. (1356) being in the service of Edward, prince of Wales, in Brittany, had the king's (*f*) letters of protection, dated the 8th of Feb. the same year. He had issue, Sir Thomas Boynton, of Aclam, who had in marriage, Catherine, daughter and coheir of Sir Gifford Rossells, of Newton, under Gundsborough, in Cleveland, and is the same person, who, jointly with Thomas de Ingelby, had a grant from King Edward III. in the thirty-ninth year of his reign, for free warren (*g*), in Aclam, (in Cleveland) Aresome, Rouseby, Neuton, Swaynton, and Boynton, in com. Ebor. He was succeeded by a son of his own name, Thomas de Boynton

(*a*) Ex infor. Dom. G. Boynton, Bar.

(*b*) Mon. Ang. vol. I. p. 49. b.

(*c*) Prov'd by Inquis. temp. Edw. I. and 11 Henry IV. Le Neve's MSS. vol. I. p. 90.

(*d*) Prov'd by Inquis. 11 Henry IV. ibid.

(*e*) Call'd Will. Eich. 11 Henry IV.

call'd Walter, Eich. 3 Henry VI. ibid.

(*f*) Rymer's Fœd. tom. V. p. 244.

(*g*) Cart. 39 & 40 Ed. III. N. 23, 24.

Boynton (*a*), who was likewise a knight; and, by Margaret, his wife, daughter of — Sawcock, left a son, Henry.

Contemporary with the said Sir Thomas, was Robert de Boynton, governor of Berwick-castle (*b*); and in 1 Richard II. a commissioner, among others, for receiving at Berwick 4000 marks, from Robert, king of Scots (in part of 56000 marks) which he had orders to pay to William de Melton, chevalier, mayor of the city of York.

Henry de Boynton (*c*), (son and heir of Sir Thomas) was suspected to be in the interest of Henry (Percy) earl of Northumberland, and his son, who had taken arms against King Hen. IV. For, in the fourth year of the reign of that (*d*) prince, (when the battle of Shrewsbury was fought) John Wokerington, Gerald Heron, and John Mitford, were commissioned to tender an oath to this Henry de Boynton, and others, to be true to the king, and renounce, Henry, earl of Northumberland, and his adherents; yet, three years after this (*e*), he was concerned with the said earl, Thomas Mowbray, earl-marshal, Richard Scroope, archbishop of Canterbury, and others, who had taken arms in 7 Hen. IV. and flying to Berwick, was apprehended, on the surrender thereof to the king, and with seven others, executed, being then a knight. He had issue, by Elizabeth, his wife, (afterwards married to John Felton,) (*f*) two daughters, viz. Elizabeth, wife to Thomas Marton, of Marton, in Cleveland; and Jennet, wife to John Wydisworth; likewise two sons (*g*), Thomas de Boynton, who died without issue, and Walter; other pedigrees say, William.

Which Walter (*h*), or William, lived in the time of King Henry VI. and by his wife, Jane, the daughter of Simon Harding, left issue, Sir Thomas Boynton, Knt. his son and heir; who, by marriage with Isabel, daughter to Sir William Normanville, of Kilnwick, in com. Ebor. Knt. had issue two sons, Henry, hereafter mentioned, and Sir Christopher, progenitor to the Boyntons, of Sadbury, in the liberty of Richmond, in co. Ebor. the eldest line whereof, expired in one daughter and sole heir, Isabel, married to Henry, second son to Sir William Gascoigne, of Gawthrop, Knt. and from a second son of this branch, descended the Boyntons, who were settled at Willerby, and afterwards at Rawcliff (*i*); which likewise expired in heirs females, one of whom was mother to Boynton Appleyard, Esq; who bears the name

(*a*) Prov'd by inquis. 11 Hen. IV. and 3 Henry VI. Le Neve, *ibid.* (*b*) Rymer's *Fed.* tom. VIII. p. 197. (*c*) Prov'd by inquis. after his mother's death, Le Neve, *ibid.* (*d*) Rymer, tom. VIII. p. 322. (*e*) Hollinshed's *Chron.* vol. II. p. 140. (*f*) *Esch.* 10 Hen. V. N. 23. (*g*) *Ex Stemmar.* and prov'd by inquis. 11 Hen. IV. Le Neve, *ibid.* (*h*) *Esch.* 3 Hen. VI. Will. frater Thomae; fil. Hen. de Boynton, Mil. &c. N. 40. Le Neve, *ibid.* (*i*) Dugdale's *Visit.* of Com. Ebor. fo. 100.

name of Boynton-Boynton, by right of substitution and adoption.

Henry Boynton, Esq; son and heir of Sir Thomas, beforementioned, and elder brother to Sir Christopher, encreas'd his fortune very considerably, by marrying Margaret, daughter and coheir of Sir Martyn del See, lord of Barmston, in Yorkshire, by Margaret, his wife, daughter and coheir of Christopher Spencer; for thereby he enjoy'd a large estate of her inheritance, and principally the manor of Barmston, anciently possessed by John Mounceux; whose daughter and heir, Margaret, married to Bryan at See, brought it to Sir Martyn del See, son of the said Bryan; and from the aforesaid marriage with Boynton, it accrued to this family, and has been their principal seat ever since. The said Henry Boynton, had a daughter, Isabel, espoused to Bryan Tonstall; and four sons, Thomas, Martyn, Cuthbert, and Henry.

Thomas Boynton, Esq; the eldest, succeeded at Barmston and Aclam, and taking in marriage, Cicely, daughter to Sir James Strangeways, of Smeton, in com. Ebor. Knt. had issue two daughters, (Anne, married to Robert Haldenby, of Haldenby; Jane, to Thomas Goldsborough, of Goldsborough, Esqrs.) and a son, Matthew.

Which Matthew Boynton, Esq; had a grant for life, from King (a) Henry VIII. (in the twenty-ninth year of his reign) of the office of high-steward of all his lordships, &c. in the cities of Lincoln and York, that were forfeited by the attainder of William Wood, late prior of Bridlington. He married Anne, daughter to Sir John Bulmer, Knt. and had issue a son, Thomas, and three daughters, viz. Margaret, wife to William Frobysher; Anne, to William, fourth son to Richard Norton, of Norton, in com. Ebor. and Cecilie, maid of honour to Queen Elizabeth, and afterwards married to Edmund Norton, third son of Richard.

Thomas Boynton, Esq; (son and heir of Matthew) was sheriff of Yorkshire, in 18 Eliz. and afterwards had the honour of knighthood from the queen, at Hampton-court, in Jan. 1577. He had two wives, Frances, daughter of Francis Frobysher, of Doncaster, by whom he had, his son and heir, Francis; and Anne, who married Francis Vaughan, of Sutton-Darwent, in com. Ebor. By his second lady, Alice, daughter of Nicholas Tempest, of Holme-side, in the bishoprick of Durham, Esq; he had no issue; and she, afterwards marrying Sir Christopher Place, of Halnaby, in com. Ebor. Knt. had, among other issue, Dorothy, (at length sole heir of that family) who married the aforesaid Francis Boynton, Esq; eldest son and heir of Sir Thomas.

Which Sir Francis, was sheriff of Yorkshire, in 28 Eliz. and received the honour of knighthood, at York, the 17th of April, 1603.

(a) Privat. Sigil. 5 Maii, 29 Hen. VIII.

1603, when King James pass'd thro' that city, in his way from Scotland. He left issue by the said Dorothy, daughter and co-heir of Sir Christopher Place, Knt. and Alice, his wife, relict of Nicholas Tempest, of Holmeside, and Anne, his wife, daughter of John Marley, Esqrs. a daughter, Dorothy, married to Sir Henry Bellingham, of Levinz, Knt. and a son named Matthew.

This Sir Matthew Boynton, succeeding to the inheritance of Barmston, and a good estate, was knighted by King James I. at Whitehall, May the 9th, 1618, and on the 25th of May following, was farther advanc'd to the dignity of a baronet. He serv'd in parliament for the borough of Heydon, in the reign of King Charles I. and was one of those the rebels chiefly entrusted in Yorkshire; for when Sir John Hotham, and his son, captain Hotham, were contriving the surrender of Hull, to the king, this Sir Matthew Boynton, had orders (*a*) from the parliament, to have an eye on them, and endeavour to preserve the town, if he perceiv'd it in danger; pursuant to which, he contriv'd the seizing of him; and colonel Boynton, his son, actually took Sir John prisoner. He died in the year 1646, and, by Frances, his wife, daughter of Sir Henry Griffith, of Agnes-Burton, Knt. and Bart. (and heir to her brother, Sir Henry) had seven sons, and four daughters; of whom, Mary, died unmarried; Dorothy, was wife to John Anlaby, of Etton, in com. Ebor. Elizabeth, to John Heron, son of Richard Heron, of Bockenfield, in com. Northumb. and Margaret, to John Robinson, of Rither, in com. Ebor. Esqrs. Of the sons, Sir Francis, successor to the title and estate, will be mentioned hereafter; Matthew, second son, married Isabel, daughter to Robert Stapleton, of Wighill, in com. Ebor. Esq; and was slain at Wigan, in the advance of the army of King Charles II. out of Scotland, towards Worcester: he left issue two daughters, one of them married to the nominal duke of Tirconnel, when colonel Talbot, and the other to the celebrated earl of Roscommon. 3. Marmaduke; 4. John; 5. Gustavus; 6. Cornelius, and 7. Charles; all died unmarried.

Sir Francis Boynton, Bart. (son and heir of Sir Matthew) aged forty-seven years, 1665 (*b*), had to wife, Constance, daughter of William, viscount Say and Seal, who bore him a daughter, Frances, married to George Whitechote, of Harpswell, in com. Linc. Esq; and three sons; 1. William; 2. Nathaniel, who died unmarried; 3. Henry, rector of Barmston, who wedded, first, Dorothy, daughter of Alexander Amcotts, of the bishoprick of Durham, Esq; and had issue, Sir Francis Boynton, of Beverly, of whom hereafter; and Elizabeth, who died young. He married, secondly,

(*a*) Rushworth's Collections, 3d part, vol. II. p. 275, 276.
Com. Ebor, per Dom. W. Dugdale, Mil.

(*b*) Visitat

condly, Margaret, daughter of—Robinson, of Newton-Garth, in the east-riding of Yorkshire, Esq; who died without issue.

William Boynton, Esq; (eldest son and heir apparent to Sir Francis,) died in the life-time of his father, about the year 1689, and by Elizabeth, his wife, daughter and coheir of John Bernard, of Kingston, upon Hull, Esq; left issue, Sir Griffith Boynton, Bart. successor to his grandfather, and a daughter, Constance, married to Richard Kirshaw, D.D. rector of Ripley, in com. Ebor.

Which Sir Griffith Boynton, of Burton-Agnes, Bart. married, first, Adriana, daughter of Mr. John Sykes, merchant, at Dort; she died 1725, but had no issue.

Sir Griffith, married, Nov. 1728, to his second lady, a daughter of Thomas White, of Wallingwells, in Nottinghamshire, Esq; he died in Ormond-street, Dec. 22, 1731, without issue, and his lady, Oct. 8, 1732, and was succeeded in dignity and estate by his cousin, Sir Francis Boynton, Bart. only son of Henry, rector of Barmston, who was third son of Sir Francis Boynton, Bart. beforementioned.

Which Sir Francis Boynton, Bart. (a) was elected member in this present parliament, for Headon, in Yorkshire, and one of the members of the house of commons, who, by order of the house, in April 1736, was appointed to congratulate her late majesty Queen Caroline, on the nuptials of the prince of Wales, with the princess of Sax-gotha: he was also appointed, by the house of commons, to congratulate their royal highnesses the prince and princess of Wales, upon the birth of prince Edward, and was recorder of Beverley: he married Frances, daughter of James Heblethwayte, of Norton, in the east-riding of Yorkshire, Esq; (by Bridget, his wife, daughter of Sir William Cobb, of Beverley, in com. Ebor. Knt.) which lady has been dead some years, by whom he had issue three sons, and three daughters, viz. Sir Griffith, his successor, and Francis, living; and William, deceased: Constance, and Adriana, living; and Dorothy, deceased.

This Sir Francis, died, Sept. 16, 1739 (b), and was succeeded in dignity and estate, by his eldest son,

Sir Griffith Boynton, the present baronet (c), who is as yet unmarried.

ARMS: Or, a Fess, between three Crescents, Gules; tho' the Fess, was formerly charged with a Lion passant, Or.

CREST: On a Wreath, a Goat passant, sable, guttee d'Argent, Beard, Horns, and Hoofs, Or.

MOTTO: *Il tempo passa.*

SEAT: At *Burton-Agnes*, in the east-riding of *Yorkshire*.

(a) Ex infor. Dom. Griff. Boynton, Bar.

(b) Ibid,

(c) Ibid,

34. LYTTTELTON, of Frankley, Worcestershire.

(Sir THOMAS, KNIGHT,)

Created BARONET, July 18, 1618.

THAT this family of Lyttelton, was settled at Frankley, in com. Wigorn. about the nineteenth year of King Hen. III. 1235, is evident, from a most accurate pedigree in the herald's office (*a*); whereby it appears, that one Thomas de Lyttelton, married Emma de Frankley, a sole heiress, and lady of the manor of Frankley; but whether this Lyttelton, before his said marriage, was a stranger to that county, or resided at the town of South-Lyttelton, in the vale of Evesham, (as there is reason to think he did) taking his name from the place of his habitation, is a matter of doubt, and never determined by the heralds and antiquaries.

Mr. Selden, was possessed of two grants of lands to the monastery of Evesham, in 7 Hen. II. 1161, to both which, one John de Lyttelton was witness. This is the most ancient that the name of Lyttelton is to be met with, and as the land so given, was at Lench, near South-Lyttelton, 'tis probable, this John, was ancestor to Lyttelton, of Frankley.

In an ancient ledger of the priory of Worcester, mention is made of one Henry de Clive, the son of Swenus de Lutulton, sans date (*b*). Many evidences in the visitation beforecited, prove, that there were other families of the name of Lyttelton, of good esteem, in Dorsetshire, Somersetshire, Middlesex, and in other counties, some, before the time of Henry III.

The dignity of this fair-descended family of Lyttelton of Frankley, has grown up together (says my lord Coke) and spread itself abroad by matches with many other ancient and honourable families, to many worthy and fruitful branches, whose posterity flourish at this day, and quartereth many fair coats, and enjoyeth fruitful and opulent inheritances thereby (*c*).

Thomas de Lyttelton, had issue by Emma, his wife, one only daughter, viz. Emma, (first, the wife of Augerus de Tatlington,

(*a*) Visit. Salop. C. 20. In this visitation is a faithful transcript of a book, said to be drawn up by one Mr. Lyttelton, town-clerk of Worcester, temp. Jac. I. (the original in the hands of Sir Edward Littleton, of Staffordshire, Bart.) wherein are copied the ancient evidences of the Lytteltons, of Frankley, Pillaton, Henlegh, &c. together with the Inquisition's post mortem, last wills, &c. a true copy of which is in the hands of T. W. as there will be frequent occasion to refer to it, we shall call it MSS. Lyttelton. (*b*) Survey of Worcestershire, by Abingdon, MS. in Jesus-college library, Oxon. (*c*) Ld Coke's Precedent to his first Institute.

of Tredington, in Worcestershire, Esq; and secondly, of Nicholas Whetamstede; she was a benefactress to the abbey of Halesowen, in Shropshire, and died 1298.) He married a second time, (viz.) Asselm, daughter and heiress of William Fitz-Warin, of Upton, in Worcestershire, Esq; (second son of Fulk Fitzwarin, lord marcher of Wales, a man of great note, temp. Henry I.) (a) which William, was one of the justices itinerant, and judge of the common-pleas, 12 Hen. III. and sheriff of Worcestershire, the next year (b), by whom, Lyttelton had three sons; Thomas, Edmund, and John.

Thomas, the eldest, resided at his manor of Coulesdon, in Upton-Snodsbury, and had lands in Newenton (vulgo Naunton-Beauchamp) in com. Wigorn. which continue in the name of Lyttelton, to this day. In 9 Edward II. (c) he was chose knight of the shire for Worcestershire: he took to wife, Lucia de Bois (vel Atwood) of a considerable family at Wolverley, in that county, by whom he had one son, viz. Thomas: this Thomas, was with Richard de Lench, and others, 34 Edw. III. commissioned by the king to collect the tenths and fifteenths, in Worcestershire. He married Julian, the daughter of Robert de Somery, of the Great House of Dudley: he had issue two sons, Thomas, and John.

John, the younger, was appointed commissioner of array, with other the chief gentlemen of the aforesaid county, 1 Henry IV. on a rumour of a foreign invasion. He had to wife, Beatrix Freschevil, of a noble family, in com. Warwic. by whom he had issue, an only daughter, the wife of Jeffrey Frere, Esq; (d)

Thomas, the elder, recovered, by a writ of right, the manor of Frankley, on failure of issue to his cousin, Thomas de Tatlington: he was esquire of the body to Henry IV. and Henry V. and had annual pensions granted him by both kings, out of the fee-farm rents of Worcester, *pro bono & gratuito servicio*, as expressed in the grants.

He spelt his name, Luttelton, and sealed with the Cheveron, between three Escallops (e), as now used by his posterity, but bore a different crest, viz. a Greyhound's Head, collar'd. About the close of Henry Vth's reign, he serv'd the office of high sheriff of Worcestershire, under Beauchamp, earl of Warwick, titular and hereditary high sheriff of that county. He took to wife, Maud, the daughter and heir of Richard Quatermain, of a large estate at Ricote and North-Weston, in Oxfordshire, by Joan, his wife, the daughter and coheir of Grey, of Rotherfield, in that county: by her he had an only daughter, Elizabeth, who was his sole heir, which Elizabeth, married Thomas Westcote, Esq; the king's servant in court, a gentleman anciently descended: but she being

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(a) Dugdale's Baron. vol. I. p. 449.
(d) MSS. Lyttelton.

(b) Ibid. p. 446.

(c) Claus. M. 3.

(e) Ibid.

fair, and of a noble spirit, and having large possessions and inheritance from her ancestors, De Lyttelton, and from her mother, the daughter and heir of Quatermain, and other her ancestors, resolved to continue the honour of her name, and therefore, prudently, whilst it was in her own power, provided, by Westcote's assent, before marriage, that her issue inheritable, should be call'd by the name of De Lyttelton (*a*).

The said Thomas Lyttelton, died about the year 1421, (Maud, his wife surviving him, holding Frankley, in dower or jointure, and married a second husband, viz. John Massey, Esq;) he was probably a benefactor to Frankley-chapel, for his portrait, with that of his wife, each arrayed with a tabart of their arms, stood finely painted, in a north window of the said chapel, till destroy'd in the last civil wars, together with the portraits of his son and daughter, Westcote, in the opposite window, and of many others, the Lytteltons, his posterity (*b*). Westcote, was escheator of Worcestershire, 29 Henry VI. and died in that reign: his widow remarried Thomas Hewster, of Litchfield, Esq; she left issue, by Westcote, four sons, and as many daughters; 1. Thomas, of whom hereafter: 2. Nicholas: 3. Guy, who, with his brother, Nicholas, retained the name of Westcote, though often solicited by their mother (as John Talbot, cotemporary with them, would relate) to call themselves Lyttelton: she, once expostulating with them, whether they thought better of themselves than their eldest brother, they answer'd, That he had a fair estate to alter his name, and if they might share with him, they would do the like. Nicholas, married Agnes, daughter and heir of Edmund Vernon, of Staffordshire, Esq; by Joan, the daughter and heir of Handsacre, of Handsacre, from whom the Westcotes, of that county, are descended. Guy, married Greenëvill, of Gloucestershire, from whom, the present Westcotes, of Devon and Somerset, are descended. 4. Edmund, who died unmarried. Of the daughters, we find but one married, viz. Anne, the wife of Thomas Porter, of Barston, in Warwickshire (*c*).

(It is probable that some of their posterity, who settled in Devon, and Cornwall, took the name of Lyttelton, for in 5 Henry VII. we find a Lyttelton, who bore the ancient Lyttelton arms, seated at Lanhiderock, in Cornwall, who, by marrying the heiress of Gerard, of Polsto, got a large estate in that county, and had besides, a very considerable one, in Devonshire. On failure of issue male, it passed, by a female, to the Trenances, of Lastilian, who were in possession of it about the year 1622) (*d*).

Thomas Westcote, alias Lyttelton, the eldest son, was the famous

(*a*) Coke's Proemium to first Institute.
 portraits, fairly drawn, in their proper colours,
 (*d*) MSS. Lyttelton.

(*b*) MSS. Lyttelton, in which are the
 (*c*) Dugdale's Warw. in Barston

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mous lawyer, studied at one of the two universities, afterwards removed to the Inner-temple, where he read learned lectures on the statute of Westm. 2. *de donis Condit.* In 1454, he was called to the degree of serjeant at law, and afterward, appointed steward of the marshalsea of the king's household: the next year, he was made king's serjeant, and rode justice of the assize in the northern circuit (a).

On the coming of Edward IV. to the crown, he sued a general pardon, which that prince granted him: probably his crime was, the joining with the house of Lancaster, his lawful sovereign, against the then duke of York: whatever it was, the new king soon gave him sensible proofs of his favour and good will; for, in the fourth year of his reign, he appointed Lyttelton, one of the judges of the common-pleas, and granted him, out of the customs of London, Bristol, and Hull, 110 marks, *ultra consuetum fœdum, ut statum suum decentius tenere & expensas sustinere valeat*, as the words of the writ are: and moreover, 106s. 11½ for a robe and furs, and 6s. 6d. for a summer robe, called *Linura*, (perhaps taffata.) In the fifteenth year of King Edward, the prince of Wales was created knight of the Bath, at which time, several persons of the first distinction, and in the highest favour at court, were advanced to this honour; as, the earl of Lincoln, Gray, the queen's son, Bryan, chief judge, Lytylton, one of the justices of the common-pleas (b); half the knights, at their creation, were placed on the king's right hand, the other half on the left, among the former, was Lyttelton (c).

He wrote his famous *Treatise on Tenures*, probably not long before his death, because it wanted his last hand; to which, says Camden, the students of the common law are no less beholden, than the civilians, to Justinian's Institutes. About that time, some privileges of great consequence were disputed, between the city, and church of Worcester; the controversy arose to that height, that the king interpos'd, and appointed Sir Thomas Lyttelton, and Mr. Salway, a gentleman of that country, by award, to put an end to the differences; which they did, with that impartiality and judgment, as gave full satisfaction to both the contending parties, and by that means restored the peace and quiet of the chief town of their county (d).

Sir Thomas, took to wife Joan, (widow of Sir Philip Chetwin, of Ingestree, in Staffordshire, Knt.) one of the daughters and co-heirs of William Burley, of Broomscroft-castle, in Salop, Esq; by — his wife, the daughter and heir of Grendon, of Grendon, with whom he had large possessions. He had issue by her, three

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(a) Life of judge Lyttelton, in supplemental lives to Bayle's Dict. p. 121. (b) Annals of the Order of the Bath, p. 32. (c) MSS. Cotton Lib. Claudius. (d) Abingdon's Survey of Worcestershire.

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sons and two daughters ; 1. William : 2. Richard, to whom the *Tenures* are address'd, who followed his father's profession ; this Richard, married Alice, daughter and sole heir of William Winnesbury, of Pillaton-hall, in Staffordshire, Esq; by whom he got a great estate, and was lineal ancestor to the present Sir Edward Littleton, of that place, Bart. (a)

Thomas, his third son, was of Spechley, near Worcester : he married Anne, daughter and heir of John Botreaux, of Botreaux-castle, in Cornwall, Esq; from him were descended, the lord keeper Lyttelton, temp. Car. I. Sir Thomas Lyttelton, Bart. speaker of the house of commons, temp. Will. III. and several other families, some of which are still remaining in Shropshire. The daughters names were, Ellyn, and Alice, who both died unmarried.

The judge made his last will, Aug. 22, 1481, and died the next day at his seat at Frankley, in a great and good old age. He was interr'd under an aral tomb, which he made in his life-time, on the south side of the cathedral church of Worcester, upon the flat part thereof, on a brass plate, was the portraiture of a judge in his robes, and issuing from his mouth, his usual motto, viz. *Ung Dieu ung roy* ; the sides of the tomb were finely ornamented with his arms and quarterings, viz. Westcote's, Burley's, Edefyn's, Quartermain's, Grey's, Grendon's, and Lyttelton's. In the last civil wars, it was despoiled of its brass and arms ; the following inscription only, being left upon it :

Hic jacet Corpus Thomæ Lyttelton, de Frankley,
Militis de Balneo, & unius Justiciarorum de Com-
muni Banco, qui obiit 23 Augusti, An.Dom. 1481. (c)

It was repaired after the reftoration, had rails of iron finely gilt, placed before it, and the arms new painted, but erroneously ; for the judge's own coat is supported by a merman, which supporter he never bore, for it was first made use of by his son, Sir William Lyttelton.

As Sir Thomas Lyttelton's will contains many curious particulars, it may not be amiss to give it our readers, exactly copied from the prerogative-office (d) :

In the name of God, Amen. I, Thomas Lyttelton, Knight, oon of king's justice of the common-place, make my testament, and notifie my wille, in the manner and forme that followeth. First, I bequeth my soul to Almighty God, Fader, Sonne, & Hollye Goost, three Persons & oon God, & our Lorde, maker of heven and erth, & of all the worlde ; & to our most blessed Lady & Virgin, Saynt Mary, moder of our Lord, & Jesu Christ, the

(a) MSS. Lyttelton.
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(b) Ibid.

(c) Thomas's survey of Worcester cathedral.

(d) Log. 23 Prerog. off.

the only begotten sonne of our saide Lorde God, the fader of heaven, and to saint Christopher, the which our saide Lorde did truste to bere on his shouldres, & to all the saints of heaven: and my body to be berried in the tombe I lete make for me on the south side of the body of the cathedrall-church of the monastere of our said blessed lady, of Worcester, under an image of St. Christopher, in caas if I die in Worcesterfhire. Also, I wulle, and specially desire, that immediately after my decesse, myn executors find three gode preests for to singe jii trentals for my soule, so that everich preest, by-himself, singe oon trental, and that everich such preest have right sufficiently for his labor; also that myn executors find another gode preest for to singe for my soule, fyve masses, and rowe; the offyce of which beginneth, *Humiliavit semel ipsum Dominus Jesu Christus usque ad mortem*. Also I give one hundred shelings by yere, to the priour & covent of the said monastere, out of certain messuages & landes in the cite of Worcester, & to their successors, to singe at the altar, hallowed for the worship of St. George & St. Christopher, daily, at vii in the morning, for the soules of my fader & moder, & for the soul of Willam Burley, my fader-in-lawe, & for the soul of Sir Philip Chetwin, & for all soules that I am most bounden to pray, & specially for myn own soule after my decesse; & that everich such monk singe everich Friday, a mass of *Requiem*; & jii. for his troubel, to be paid him by the handes of the sexton; and I wull, that whenever the covent singe the annual *Placebo*, & *Dirige*, & *Requiem* for my soul, and that of my ancestors, that they have vis. viii. for thyr disport and recreation. I wull, that the said covent have 100l. for performyn this dyvin servyce.

Also I wulle, that the feoffees to myn use, of and in the halfyn-dele of the manor of Baxterly, & Bently, in Warwickshire, & in Mosele, in the lordshyp of Kingsnorton, & in Stone, besyd Keddermyster, in Worcesterfhire, make a sure estate unto Richard Lyttelton, my sonne, & to the heirs of his bodie, with all chartours, muniments, & evidences concernynge the same.

Also I wulle, that he have the reversion of the manor of Molston, besyde Clybery, in the county of Shrewsbury. Also I wull, that my saide sonne, Richard, have all my state, title, & interest, that I have in a messuage, in the parish of St. Sepulchres, of London, on the north syde of the saide church, which I holde of the abbot of Leicester, for term of yeres. Also I wull, that the feoffees, to myn use, of & in the manor of Spechley, in Worcesterfhire, make a sure estate to my sonne, Thomas Lyttelton, and the heirs of his body, with all chartours, &c. concernynge the same, and all other lands, rents, reversions & services, that I have in Spechley, Cuddeley, Bradicot, & White-lady-Aston,

with the lands & tenements, in Weddesbury, in com. Stafford.

I wulle, that my wyf have a bason of silver, in the myddes whereof been myn arms, and an ewer of silver, two grete saltfalers, and a kever, weying 39 ounces & $\frac{1}{2}$; a standyng plaine gilt peece, with a plaine gilt kover, weying 24 ounces & $\frac{1}{2}$; six bolles of silver, in the myddes of which been enameled, for her using, six monthes of the yere.—A standyng peece, with kever, weying 19 ounces & $\frac{1}{2}$.—Two peeces of silver, one covering another, y^e which I occupie at London; a powder-boxe of silver; a paxeborde; two cruetts, and a faking-bell, all of silver. Also I wull, that Wiliam Lyttelton, my sonne & heire, shall have a depe washing-bason of silver, weying 41 ounces, and two saltfalers of silver, with a kever to oon of them, weying 31 ounces & $\frac{1}{2}$, with another peece, all over gilt, in the myddes of which be jiiij eagles, & kover, weying 33 ounces; also a lowe peece of silver, with a kover, embossed in the likenes of roses, weying 29 ounces & $\frac{1}{2}$; also he shall have a dosein of my best spones. Also I wull, that my sonne, Richard, have two littel gilt saltfalers, with gilt cover to oon, now at London; also oon littel standyng peece, with a gilt kover, which hath at the foote a crown, and another on the kover, weying 22 ounces; also a standyng gilt nutt, and the best dosein of the second sort of my spones. Also I wull, that Thomas Lyttelton, my sonne, have two saltfalers of silver, weying 27 ounces; a standyng peece, weying 21 ounces, gilt, & my arms in the myddes of the same; also a boll of silver, embossed with round bosses, outward, weying 11 ounces & 3 quarters; also he shall have a dosein spones, of the third sorte.

Also I bequeth my gode littel mas-boke, and gode vestment, with the apparyl to an auter, of the same sorte of vestments which were my moder's, and also a gilt chales, I geve them to the blessed Trinite, to the use & occupation of my chapel of Frankley, in honour of our said most blessed Trinite; inasmuch as the said chapel of the blessed Trinite, and an auter thereof, is halowed in the worship of the saide blessed Trinite, for to have masse songen there on Trinite-Sunday, & other high festivals, & other days, to the pleasure & honour of our saide most blessed Trinite. I wull, that a bigge cofer, and locke and key be provided for the safe keping of these vestments & chales, within the chapel of Frankley, and the lord of Frankley for the time being, have the keping of the said key by hymself, or som true and faithful person, so that he se that the saide masse-boke, vestment, chales, & apparyl be surely kept, as he wull answer to the blessed Trinite. Also I wull, that my grete antiphoner be evermore had, & surely kept, in worship of God, & St. Leonard, to the use

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use and occupation of, and for the chapel-church of St. Leonard, of Frankley.

Also I wulle, that all my utensils of myn household, except silver plate, as beds, matraces, blanquetts, brusshes, tables, all potts & caldrons, & all such things that longith to my kechyn, after the thyrd part geven to my wyfe, be equally devided between my three sonnns.

Whereas, I have made certaigne feoffees of my manour of Tixhale, in Staffordshir, for terme of the lif of my wif, the which manour she had a jointour for terme of her lif, with me, never-thelater, my wille is, that my said wif, do not hereafter trouble, vexe, ne disturbe my will & ordenance, that I have and will mak, of & in or for certaigne lands & tenements, within the cite of Worcester; now my will and ordenance is, that she shal have the saide manour of Tixhale, with the reveniz thereof, during her lif, or els that the profitts thereof shall be taken and disposed in alms-deeds, for my soul, by myn executor, or by such other as I wull thereto assigne, during her lif.

I wull, that my three sonnns, and Sir Xtopher Goldsmyth, parson of Bromsgrove, Sir Robert Cank, parson of Enfield, and Robert Oxclyve, be myn executors; that the three first have 20l. in money apeece, toward their increce and profit, the latter v marks each, of money, trusting in them that they wull do their diligent labor to se that my will be performed; the which, as they know wele the performyng thereof in godely haft and tym, that shall be to the hasty remedie of my soule; and the long taryng thereof, is to the retardation of the meritts of my soule: wherefor I wull, that everych of my saide sonnns, to whom my grete specyal trust is, as kind nature wull, for to performe and execute my will aforesaid.

I wulle, that my wif have my best plough, & all apparyl thereto, and ten of my best plough-oxen, and my best waine; & that William Lyttelton, have my second best waine, two ploughs, & ten oxen. Also I wulle, & specially desire, that all the money, debts, goods & cattells, that be myn at tym of my deth, over the cost & expensys of myn exequies & funeral, & over that that is bequethed by me in my lif, be sold & disposed for my soule, in alms & charitable deeds, that may be most profitable & merit to my soule. Also I wulle, that all my beefts & quick cattel, not afore bequethed, after myn exequies and funeral, be sold by myn executors, & to be disposed as they think most expedient for my soule.

I wull & bequeth to the abbot & covent of Hales-Oweyn, a boke of myn, called *Catholicon*, to theyr own use for ever; & another boke of myn, wherein is contaigned, the Constitutions Provincial, and, *De gestis Romanorum*, and other treatis therein, which

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which I wull be laid and bounded with an yron chayn, in som convenient parte within the said church, at my costs, so that all preefts & others, may se & rede it whenne it pleafith them.—Also I wull & bequeth to Sir Richard Howson, my preeft, 40s. in money, and the same to my servant Hawkins. Also I bequeth to dame Jane, my wyf, 20l. in money, in recompense of a silver bason, the which was sometyme her husband's, Sir Philip Chetwin's; to the said dame Jane, my best habyt, that is to saye, my gowne, cloke, & hode. Also to my daughter, Elyn, my second best habyt, in lyke forme. Also to Alice, my second daughter, my third best habyt, in lyke forme. Also I bequeth my glosed faulter to the priorie of Worcester. Also I bequeth a boke, called *Fasciculus morum*, to the church of Enfield. Also I bequeth a boke, called *Medulla Grammatica*, to the church of Kingsnorton. Also I wulle, that my grete English boke, be sold by myn executors, and the money thereof to be disposed for my soul.

I bequeth to Thomas Lyttelton, my sonne, a little flatte peece of silver, with a kover, all over gilte. Also to Edward Lyttelton, my godsonne, a little standing goblet of silver, with a kover to the same, all over gilte. And I wull, and specially desire my moost betrufted lord, my lord bishop of Worcester, to be overseer of this my will, to be performed, as my moost special trust is in his gode lordship: in witness whereof, to this my will, I have sett my seale, theese being witneses, Sir Richard Howson, priest, Roger Hawkyns, Thomas Parkes, and others.

Written att Frankley, 22d August, the yere of our Lord Jesu Christ, MCCCCLXXXI.

Dame Joan, the widow of Sir Thomas, survived him, twenty-four years, and died March 22, 1505, near fourscore, leaving a great estate, that came by her father, and mother (who was an heiress) to her eldest son, Sir William.

By inquisitions (a) taken after the death of Sir Thomas Lyttelton, he was found to die seized of the manors of Frankley, and Spechley, in com. Wigorn. of messuages and lands in Cuddeley, Bradicote, and White-Lady Aston, lands in Upton-Snodsbury, in Stone, in Crowle, and in Pirton; the manors of Moseley, and of Coulesdon, all in the county of Worcester. He was also found to die seized of the manors of Areley, of Tixhale, and twelve houses in the city of Litchfield, all in the county of Stafford; and of the manor of Cressledge, in Shropshire.

By inquisition taken after the death of dame Joan, his widow, she is found to have held, at her death, the manors of Broomcroft, Baldcote, Merkton, Mounslowe, Henlegh, Tugford, Brocton, Aldon, Thangland, Affecote, and Alcamston; with lands and

tenements

(a) Escaetria in turre 21 Ed. IV. N^o. 55. Wigorn.

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tenements in Wormcote, Abbedon, Winstantowe, Bromfeld, Cokerich, Walton, Rowthal, Hulton, Dedylbury, Aston, Bodenhope, and the chapel of Merston, all in the county of Salop, and that Sir William Lyttelton, is her heir (a).

William Lyttelton was knighted by Henry VII. at the battle of Stoke, for bringing aid against the earl of Lincoln. He married two wives; 1. Ellen, (the widow of Thomas Fielding, Esq;) daughter and coheir of William Walfsh, of Wanlip, in Leicestershire, Esq; (by Mary, his wife, the daughter and coheir of Richard Byron, of Clayton, in Lancashire, Esq;) by whom he had one daughter, viz. Joan, the wife of Sir John Aston, of Haywood, in Staffordshire, (immediate ancestor to the present lord Aston,) by which match, Tixhale, and Wanlip, came into the Aston family. His second wife was, Mary, daughter of William Whittington, of Pantley, in Gloucestershire, Esq; by Elizabeth, his wife, the daughter of Renifrede Arundel, Esq; of the noble house of Lanherne, in Cornwall: by her, he had one son, viz. John, and one daughter, the wife of Thomas Rouse, of Ragley, in Warwickshire, Esq; Sir William, was the first of the family who bore his arms with a supporter; it seems, an honourable addition, but upon what occasion it was given him, is uncertain. He was undoubtedly, a benefactor to the abby-church of Great-Malvern, for there remains, at this day, a portrait of him, finely painted, in a window, arrayed in armour, with a tabart of his arms, and his name inscribed under it.

He died at Frankley, in Dec. 1507, aged sixty-five, and by his will (b), bequeaths his body to be buried within the monastery of Halys-Owen, before the image of the virgin Mary, nigh the place and grave, where his first wife lay buried. He settled on Mary, his wife, the manors of Frankley, and Coulesdon, in Worcestershire; Ridgeakur, in Salop, and Over-Areley, in Staffordshire; leaves her the greatest part of his personal estate, and farther entitles her to dower in his whole estate, over and above the great settlement abovementioned: orders that a priest pray for his soul, seven years after his death, likewise to say, *Placebo & Dirige*, the day of his anniversary, with other annual obit services, for all which, he is to have eight marks per ann. the said divine service to be performed in the chapel of St. Leonard, at Frankley, to which he bequeaths his velvet gown, for a cope and vestment. He settles all his other lands, in trust, for the use of his son, and appoints him 20l. per ann. towards his exhybition, and fynding, till he come of age: gives 500 marks, in portion, to his daughter Elizabeth, if she marries with her mother's consent. Moreover, he orders, that his obit be perform'd every year, in the monastery of Halesowen, and his executors to pay 13s. 4d. for it. Wills, that

(a) MSS. Lyttelton. (b) A. Dean. qu. 32 in prerog. offic.

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that John Smith have the keeping of his park, at Frankley, during life, and all his servants a year's wages, at their departure. He leaves his two tawney gowns, lined with black farfnett, to two of his servants. He gives 6s. 8d. to the collegiate church of Worcester.—Lastly, he directs his executors to procure a marble stone, with two images and sculptures according, to be laid over him, and Ellyn, his first wife, when God shall do his mind with him.

John, his son and heir, endowed his family (says Mr. Abingdon) with abundance of noble blood, by having in marriage, Elizabeth, the daughter and coheir of Sir Gilbert Talbot, of Grafton, in Worcestershire, by Joan Beaufort, one of the (a) daughters and coheirs of Edmund, earl of Somerset, son of John of Gaunt, duke of Lancaster, in right of whom, Lyttelton, and his posterity, have lawfully quartered the arms of England, within a border gobonè; by whom he had seven sons, and two daughters, viz. 1. John: 2. Edward, nick-named Long Edward, who married lady Elizabeth Talbot, widow of Sir John Talbot, his mother's near relation: 3. Gilbert: 4. Anthony, of Salford-Abbotts, in Warwickshire: 5. Roger, of Groveley, in Worcestershire, from whom, by Elizabeth, his wife, the daughter of John Stanley, of West-Bromwich, Esq; are descended, the present Lytteltons, of Kings-Norton: 6. George, counsellor at law, who died 1600, and lies buried under a sumptuous monument, in the church of Bromsgrove: 7. Thomas. Of the daughters, Margaret, the elder, died unmarried. Anne, was the wife of Edward Newport, of Hanley-Williams, in Worcestershire, Esq; (b)

This John Lyttelton, departed this life, at his seat at Frankley, May 17th, 1532, aged thirty-two, and by his will (c), orders his body to be interr'd in the church-porch of the parish-church of Halesowen, to which church, he bequeaths 26s. 8d. to the mother-church of Worcester, 3s. 4d. to the chapel of Frankley, 3l. 6s. 4d. his soul to Almighty God, to our Lady, St. Mary, and all the holye company of heven.—He leaves to his son John, his ryng of golde, with the seale of his arms thereon, to the said John, a chales, and all the chapel stuffe, bequeathed by his grandfather, unto the Trinite of Frankley, 16 kyne, a bull, 10 oxen, &c. provided that his wyfe have the rule, use, and governing of the said stuff, till he come to the age of 24. He farther leaves to his wyfe, all such chayns of gold, jewels, rings, and all her other apparyl belonging to her bodye: gives all his servants 40s. over and above their wages: appoints, that his executor pay 6l. per an. to a preste, to sing for his soul, five years after hys death, and 5l. per an. to Edward Street, his chaplyn, to pray for his soul,—gives his

(a) Collins's Life of John of Gaunt, duke of Lancaster. p. 87.
(c) In prerog. offic,

(b) MSS. Lyttelton.

(d)

his daughters 300 marks each, for their portions, and 800 marks to be divided among his younger sons, together with the rents and profitts of his manor of Sheriffs-Naunton, and his estate in Coulesdon, Pipulton, and Upton-Snodsbury: settled on his wife the manors of Frankley and Coulesdon, lands and salt-works in Droitwich, all in Worcestershire, together with his manor of Cressedge, and Rudgeacre, in the county of Salop.

By inquisitions (*a*) after his death, he was found to die seiz'd of the same estate as specified in the inquisition, after his father's death, abovementioned, together with lands and tenements in South-Lyttelton and Pirton, and was warden of Elmly-castle, in Worcestershire, in right of his manor of Naunton.

John, his eldest son and heir, was under age at his father's death. The king granted the wardship of him to Sir John Pakington, Knt. who married him to Bridget, his daughter and co-heir; by which match, Mr. Lyttelton, greatly increased his fortune, and was enabled to rebuild, in a magnificent manner, his house at Frankley, also to purchase a very fair estate at Halesowen, and Hagley, and Prestwood, for hunting feats.

1553, Queen Mary granted him (*b*) the office of governorship of Dudley-castle, together with the rangerhip of the old and new parks there; made him custos of the lodges, with a right of paunage, herbage, warrenage, in the whole manor of Dudley, together with a salary for his life. The same year he was chose knight of the shire for the county of Worcester, and served the office of high sheriff of that county, once in that reign, and twice in Q. Elizabeth's (*c*). Tho' a papist, yet he enjoyed places of honour and trust under Queen Elizabeth (*d*), being of the council of the marches of Wales, deputy-lieutenant and custos rotulorum of Worcestershire, and in the commission of the peace for that county, and Stafford. An. 1566, Queen Elizabeth knighted him, with other gentlemen of great distinction, at Kenilworth-castle, when, her majesty honour'd Dudley, earl of Leiceſter, with her presence there.

Sir John, died at Frankley, Feb. 15, 1589-90, in the sixty-ninth year of his age, and was buried, agreeable to his last will, in the parish-church of Halesowen.

He had issue, by Bridget his wife, six sons and four daughters: 1. Gilbert: 2. William, who espoused Margaret, only daughter and heir of Richard Smyth, of Shireford, in Warwickshire, Esq; and died before the age of consummation: 3. George, settled at Holbeach, in Staffordshire, who married his brother's widow: John, Robert, and Francis, who all died unmarried. Of the daughters, Elizabeth, was the wife of Francis Willoughby, of Wollaton, in Nottinghamshire.

(*a*) MSS. Lyttelton,
(*d*) MSS. Lyttelton

(*b*) Ibid.

(*c*) Fuller's catalogue of sheriffs, Wigorn.

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tinghamshire, Esq; (from whom the lord Middleton is descended:) Margaret, the wife of Samuel Marrow, of Berkswell, in Warwickshire, Esq; Amphilis, the wife of William Barneby, of Bockelton, Esq; and Frances, the youngest, who died unmarried.

By several inquisitions (*a*) taken after his death, he appear'd to have died, seized of the manor and advowson, with the rectory impropriate of Over-Areley, the manor of Clent, of Prestwood, Holbeach-house, lands in Sedgely, and in Kenfare, by the service of keeping the hay of Ashwood, all in the county of Stafford; of the manor and chapel of Frankley, the manor and advowson of Hagley, the manor and advowson of Old-Swinford, and five hamlets thereunto belonging; of the manors of Cradely, and Wareley-Wigorn, in Halesowen; of the manors of Woodcote, Dyers and Tymberhanger, and Pinton-fields, all in Bromsgrove; of the manor of Grovely, in Cofton; lands in Northfield, in Salwarpe, in Elmbridge, boilleries of salt in Droitwich, with the great tithes of Wolverly, all in the county of Worcester. He is found likewise, to have died seized of the scite of the late dissolved monastery of Halesowen, and of the several manors of Hales-Borough, Romeley, Ludley, and Oldbury, together with thirteen townships or hamlets, in the said parish of Halesowen, with the rectory impropriate of Hales, Warley, St. Kenelm, in Kenelmstowe, and advowson of the vicarage of Hales, and St. Kenelm; of the manor and advowson, with the rectory impropriate of Higley, all in the county of Salop; of divers lands and tenements in Lanyhangel, and Kevenlis, in Landewye, Stradennye, and Mantel, all in the county of Radnor (*b*).

Gilbert, his son and heir, serv'd in parliament for Worcestershire (*c*), 13 and 14 Eliz. and was high sheriff, the 26th of that reign. He took to wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Humphrey Coningsby, of Hampton-court, in Herefordshire, Esq; (lineal ancestor to the late earl Coningsby,) by whom he had three sons and one daughter; 1. John, his heir; 2. Humphrey; 3. Gilbert, who both died unmarried. Anne, his only daughter, was the wife of Sir Thomas Cornwal, the great baron of Burford. He died in the White-Fryers, London, June 1, 1599, in the fifty-ninth year of his age, and was interr'd with his ancestors, in the parish-church of Halesowen.

By several inquisitions (*d*), he is found to die seized of a very large estate, viz. all the lands and manors specified in the inquisition, after the death of Sir John, abovementioned; and moreover, was seiz'd of the manors of Shireford, of Fletchampstede, and of Newbold; of Eyfinghill, and Kirkley, of Kingcote, of Stretton-Baskerville, with the advowson thereof; together with
lands

(*a*) MSS. Lyttelton.
(*d*) Ibid,

(*b*) Original in Rolls chapel,

(*c*) MSS. Lyttelton.

lands and tenements in Cheping-Dercett, in Temple-Grafton, in Westton subtus Wethele, in Awlsley, Billingsley, Cowndon, and Brinklowe, and in Attilborough, all in the county of Warwick; of the manors of Hide, and Hinkley, of lands and tenements in Wigston, and Loughborough, all in the county of Leicester; as also of lands and tenements in Oneley, and Barby, in the county of Northampton.

John Lyttelton (*a*), his eldest son, sat in parliament for Worcesterhire, the 27th Eliz. his father and grandfather then living, and in two other parliaments of the same reign. Being a man much respected for his wit and valour, (as Camden witnesseth) and a roman catholick, he was courted by lord Essex, and his party, and in some measure drawn in by Sir Charles Davers, to that conspiracy which cost Essex his head, and Lyttelton his estate; for he was tried and condemned for high treason, at the king's-bench bar, Westminster, Feb. 20, 1607.

The evidence on which the jury convicted him, was very slender, to amount to high treason; for it was proved that Mr. Lyttelton came to Drury-house, at the close of a treasonable consultation (*b*). He was charged, indeed, to have design'd some mischief and sedition, by the great number of horses, and quantity of arms that he had in his Inn. He answer'd, That his estate was able to maintain good store of horses, and that he always delighted in arms and horses. Being condemned, he said no more, but lifting up his eyes to heaven, 'We praise thee, O God, we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.'

Sir Walter Raleigh, was at that time, in great power at court, and was remarkably warm in prosecuting lord Essex, and his unfortunate companions, to the utmost rigour of the law: a very large sum of money, indeed, softned him, with regard to Mr. Lyttelton, and Mr. Bainham, another of the conspirators; for he saved their lives, but not their estates. The following most excellent letter, wrote by Lyttelton, from the dungeon in Newgate, to Sir Walter, shews the greatness of Mr. Lyttelton's mind, and deserved far better at the hands of Sir Walter Raleigh.

S I R,

'T is not worthy the virtue and honour you professe, to persecute persons fallen into misfortunes. Yf heretofore you have borne me cawselesse displeasure, now, of all others, is the time leste seasonable to shew it. Remember, Sir, what it is to be truely noble, and how it agreeth not with generous hartes, to delite to trample upon dejected fortunes. It is now in your power to do me good or ill offices; if you do me ill, you shall
' wrong

(*a*) Life of this John Lyttelton, in supplemental lives to Bayle, p. 127.
den's Eliz.

(*b*) Cam-

' wrong your own reputation ; if you do me good, you shall give
 ' me cause to be thankfull.—There is allready, between your son
 ' and me, one tye in blood and nature ; I could be contente you
 ' did now double the knott, with offices of love and friendship.
 ' To begge your favour in the state I stand, were too much base-
 ' ness ; to refuse it, were arrogancy and indiscretion ; but to re-
 ' quire you to do me no harm, is but justice, and that one gentle-
 ' man, of right, oweth to another : what construction you will
 ' make of this, or what is now meet to be done, I must refer
 ' to your own judgment : and so, I end.

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This unfortunate gentleman was removed from Newgate, to
 the king's-bench prison, in Southwark, where he died, the 25th
 of July, an. 1601, in his thirty-ninth year, and was interr'd in
 the church of St. George, in that borough. He left issue, by
 Meriel, his wife (daughter of Sir Thomas Bromley, lord high-
 chancellor of England) three sons and five daughters ; 1. Tho-
 mas : 2. John, who was adjutant to the earl of Southampton, in
 the Netherlands, and captain of horse : 3. Edward, who both
 died unmarried. Of the daughters, Elizabeth, and Joan, died
 young : Bridget, the third, was the wife of Sir Robert Tracy,
 of Toddington, in Gloucestershire, Knt. (great-grandfather to the
 present lord viscount Tracy.) Anne, the fourth, the wife of Ed-
 ward Lyttelton, Esq; afterward lord keeper of the great seal, and
 baron Lyttelton.

On Queen Elizabeth's death, King James, willing to do an
 act of mercy, at his first coming to the crown, granted back the
 whole estate which John had forfeited, to Meriel, his widow,
 and his children ; and an act of parliament passed, the first sessions
 of King James, for reversing the attainder of John Lyttelton,
 and restoring the blood of his issue. Mr. Abingdon, in his MS
 history of Worcestershire (b), gives the following character of
 Mr. Lyttelton : ' John Lyttelton, a man of that undaunted spi-
 ' rit, as he trampled over all afflictions, scorning, as dust, his
 ' large revenues, and with that resignation and submission to Al-
 ' mighty God, as he esteem'd himself not a man, but a worm :
 ' of all which, I being an eye-witness, do hope, that this heyre of
 ' the worthy judge, hath so acquitted himself at the tribunal of
 ' our Eternal Judge, that his faults and imperfections being
 ' washed away with the blood of Christ, he possesse the never-end-
 ' ing felicity : and I wish, these my poor lines, were a tomb of
 ' brass, to celebrate his memorial.'

Meriel,

(a) Supplemental lives to Bayle, in the life of this gentleman:

(b) In Coll. Jedd. Ox.

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Meriel, his widow, survived him twenty-eight years, and died at Hagley, in April, 1630, where she lies buried.

Thomas Lyttelton, Esq; his eldest son, was chose knight of the shire for Worcester-shire, in the two last parliaments of K. James I. and three others of King Charles. In the eleventh of the former king, he serv'd the office of high sheriff of the county of Stafford : he was knighted at Whitehall, an. 1618, the July before having been created a baronet.

Upon the breaking out of the civil war, he adhered to the king's party, the county of Worcester, being wholly in his majesty's interest. Sir Thomas, had the chief military commands in the said county : an. 1642, he was first commissioner of array, and colonel of all the horse and foot raised in Worcester-shire.

An. 1645, he was taken at Bewdley, by the parliament forces, and confined in the tower ; while his estate was put under heavy sequestration, and his seat at Frankley, garrison'd by Prince Rupert, who, being forced to dislodge, burnt it to the ground, with all the furniture, and many of the family-evidences, to prevent the enemy from making the like use of it. Sir Thomas, got his liberty, after some years close confinement ; but died soon after, viz. Feb. 22, 1650, at Newcastle-house, in Clerkenwell, and was interr'd in Worcester-cathedral, next to his ancestor, judge Littleton.

He had issue, by Catherine his wife, daughter and sole heir of Sir Thomas Crompton, of Hounslowe, in Middlesex, and of Driffield, in com. Ebor. Knt. (by Meriel, sister of Sir Henry Cary, viscount Falkland) twelve sons and four daughters, viz. John, Horatio, Henry, Thomas, another Henry, Edward, Charles, Constantine, William, Arthur, Ferdinando, and George. His daughters were, Catherine, Mary, Anne, and another Catherine. The two eldest sons were drown'd by accident, at Magdalen-college, in Oxford, in the chapel whereof, under a very fair monument, they lie interr'd, on which is the following epitaph, written by their father :

Johannes et Thomas
Lyttelton,
Eximæ Spei Adolescentuli,
Thomæ Lyttelton, Militis &
Baronetti, ex Lectissima juxta
Atque mæstissima Dna. Catherina
Conjuge, Filii natu majores hic
Obdormiscunt. Quos innoxie
Obambulantes in Campo, minorem
Lubricus Pes in Undam misit,
Majorem Pietas sua,
Sic ausum repetere Fratrem, &
Infelici hoc quasi compendio,

Totam

Totam explicantem Indolem
 Invicem flagranter complexos,
 Una mortis Horula absorpsit,
 Duro & præpropere Fato.
 Diem suum obierunt Alter xvii
 Alter xiii Annos nati,
 Maii nono MDCXXXV.
 Nescis quâ Horâ
 Vigila.

In Cowley's works, we have an elegy on these two unfortunate youths. Henry, Arthur, and Horatio, died young: another Henry, was heir to his father. Edward, was kill'd in a duel, at Worcester, and buried in the cathedral there. Constantine, married a daughter of Judge Jones, and died in Jamaica. Charles, heir to his brother. William, was gentleman-usher to the Queen of Bohemia, and captain of horse. Ferdinando, was groom of the bedchamber to the duke of York, and had a regiment of horse in the French king's army, on the Rhine, in the reign of Charles II. and lost his life there, in an engagement. George, the youngest, was major, in Prince George of Denmark's regiment: he married Elizabeth, daughter of the famous Sir Thomas Brown, of Norwich, and died without issue, 1712, and was interr'd in St. George's chapel, at Windsor. The daughters all died unmarried.

A handsome marble monument was erected to the memory of Sir Thomas, and his lady, in Worcester-cathedral, on which is the following inscription (*a*), on a black marble tablet, fix'd to the wall, and rail'd in:

Near this Place, under
 A black Stone, lies interred
 The Body of Sir Thomas Lyttelton,
 Of Frankley, in the County of
 Worcester, Knt. and Bart. who died
 In the Year of our Lord, 1649-50,
 Aged fifty-seaven Yeares.
 And under the same Stone, also
 The Body of Dame Catherine
 Lyttelton, his Wife, Daughter
 And sole Heire of Sir Thomas
 Crompton, in the County of
 York, Knt. who died in the
 Year of our Lord, 1666,
 Aged sixty-seaven Yeares.

On a grave-stone, underneath the monument of Sir Thomas Lyttelton, is this inscription, in capital letters:

Let

(*a*) Thomas's survey Worc. cathedral, p. 115.

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Let no Man slight
His Mortalitie.

A^o. 1649.

These Words were appointed to be hereon inscrib'd,
by Sir Thomas Lyttelton, of Frankley, in the County
of Worcester, Knt. and Bart. who died the 22 of
Feb. 1649-50, and was buried under this Stone, to-
gether with Dame Catherine, his Wife, who died
the 24 of June, 1666, full of Yeares and good Workes.

On the monument, are the arms of Lyttelton, impaling Cromp-
ton, namely, Gules, a Fefs, between three Lions, rampant, Or ;
tho' erroneously, for the Fefs should be wavy (*a*), with the Sup-
porter and Crest cut out in marble.

Sir Henry Lyttelton, Bart. the fifth, but eldest surviving son,
succeeded his father. He went in to King Charles II. at the head
of a troop of horse, (all his own tenants and dependants,) at the
fight of Worcester, where he was taken prisoner, by Cromwell,
and confined in the Tower, but soon procured his enlargement ;
for he serv'd the office of high sheriff of Worcestershire, an. 1655,
under the protector.

After the restoration, he was chose member of parliament for
the city of Litchfield, and represented that, and the borough of
Bewdley, in future parliaments.

He married two wives, viz. Philadelphia, daughter and coheir
of Thomas Cary, Esq; second son of Robert, earl of Monmouth, by
whom he had no issue : she died, Aug. 2, 1663. His second
wife was, lady Elizabeth Newport, eldest daughter of Francis,
earl of Bradford, who likewise brought him no issue. She sur-
vived Sir Henry, above thirty years, and was married again, viz.
to Edward Harvey, of Combe, in Surry, Esq;

Sir Henry (*b*), departed this life at Over-Areley, (where he
chiefly resided) the 24th June, 1693, aged sixty-nine, and was
buried in that church, where is erected, a very handsome monu-
ment to his memory, on which is the following inscription :

In the Vault beneath, is interred the Body of Sir
Henry Lyttelton, Barronet, of Frankley, in the
County of Worcester, who died the 24th of June,
1693, aged 69 Years. He was first married to Mrs.
Philadelphia Cary, one of the Daughters and Co-
heires of Mr Thomas Cary, Son of the Earl of Mon-
mouth ; and after her Death, to the hon. Mrs. Eli-
zabeth Newport, Daughter of Francis, Lord Vis-
count Newport, of Bradford, in Shropshire, to whose
Memory, this Monument is erected, by his Brother
and Heir, Sir Charles Lyttelton, Knt. and Bart.

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In

(*a*) Visit, Yorkshire, 1663, sub. tit. Crompton.

(*b*) Bayle's supplemental lives.

LYTTELTON, of Frankley.

In the Chancel of this Church, lies also buried, his Brother, Captain William Lyttelton, and his beloved Nephew, Henry Lyttelton, eldest Son of Sir Charles Lyttelton.

Lady Philadelphia, his first wife, was interr'd in the church of Tunbridge, in Kent, under a plain monument, on which is the following inscription, wrote by Dr. Allestree, provost of Eaton,

H. S. J.
 Philadelphia Lyttelton,
 Fortunæ Corporis, Animæ Dotibus
 (Quantum capit Mortalitas)
 Illustris.
 In Thalamis Virgo,
 In Urbe Matrona,
 In Aula, demum ipsa Christiana.
 Nulliba honestius Forma,
 Nec pulcrius Virtus habitabat.
 Inter profligatos iniquissimi temporis mores
 Candorem, Modestiam, Pietatem, Fidem,
 Proferri ausa est, & colere:
 Tanto melior, quo malis propior
 Dolendum interim
 Quod quæ inter ignes nives,
 Et Morbos incolumitatem retinuit
 Mediis in aquis flammæ
 Et Vitæ præfidiis mortem reperit:
 Siquidem
 Ad Tunbrigenses Fontes
 Ardente correptâ Febri,
 Immortalitate digna, & Deo Matura
 Ad Cælestem Aulam transiit
 Mensis Aug. Die 2^o. Anno 1663,
 Ætat. 32.
 Serenissimæ Catharinæ Angliæ Reginæ
 A privata Camerâ
 Henrici Lyttelton
 In Agro Wigorn. Baronetti
 Uxor:
 Thomæ Cary,
 Roberti Comitis Monumethen. F.
 Et
 Serenissimo Carolo I. a Cubiculo
 Filia natu major
 Et
 Ex. Semissæ Hæres.

Sir Charles Lyttelton, Bart. (brother and heir to Sir Henry,) took to arms, early in his youth, and during the civil wars, was at the siege of Colchester. Soon after the surrender of that town, he went into France, to the king, where he staid till about the time of Sir

Sir George Booth's rising: how considerable a share he had, (young as he was,) in that attempt to restore the King, may be seen by the following passage, out of lord Mordaunt's letter to the King, on that business (a):

Lord Mordaunt, to the King.

' Charles Lyttelton, landed here yesterday; I cannot forbear doing him the right, to assure your majesty, no person appear'd more considerably, (Sir George Booth, only accepted,) than he; and he had undoubtedly carried Shrewsbury, but that one misfortune upon another happen'd.'

That design miscarrying, he was taken prisoner, and confined in the gatehouse, at Westminster, but soon obtaining his liberty, he returned to the King, and served him in a private capacity, with more success than he had in a publick one; for it appears, by many letters in the Ormond collection, that he was employ'd on many secret and important messages, between the King, and his friends in England, just preceding the restoration: and how favourably Sir Edward Hyde, (afterwards earl of Clarendon,) thought of him, appears by the following letter:

Sir Edward Hyde, to the marquis of Ormond.

' Colonel Whitley, tells me, that Charles Lyttelton, is gone post to the King, from Calais, with letters from my lord Mordaunt. I shall not need to desire you to make very much of Charles Lyttelton, who is a very worthy young man (b).—Brussels, 1659.'

In 1662, he was knighted, and went with the lord Windfor, to Jamaica, and was left there sole governor: he was afterwards appointed colonel of the duke of York's regiment, and distinguish'd himself at the great fight of Solebay: he was a commander likewise at the siege of Maestricht. In 1673, he was appointed governor of Sheerness, and Landguard-fort; was commissioner of prizes, and had other places of less note, in the reign of King Charles II. Under King James II. he had the command of the prince of Denmark's regiment, and was brigadier-general, till the revolution, when, he resign'd all his places, on account of the oaths, and retir'd to his house, at Sheen, till his brother's death, when, he settled at Hagley, for the rest of his life.

He married two wives; first, Catherine, (widow of Mr. Lister,) daughter of Sir William Fairfax, of Steeton, in Yorkshire, Knt. by whom he had one son, who, with his mother, died in Jamaica, and were both interr'd in the Red church, on that island, to whose memory, a monument was erected, but destroy'd, (together with the church,) in the great earthquake, an. 1692, on which was inscrib'd the following epitaph:

M. S.

Hic jacet Catharina Lyttelton, Filia D. D. Gul.
Fairfax, de Steeton, in Comitatu Eboracensi, Equitis

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Aurati,

(a) Carte's Letters, 8vo, vol. II. p. 227.

(b) Ibid. p. 282.

Aurati, Uxor D. D. Caroli Lyttelton, Equitis Aurati, & in Jamaica Vice-gubernatoris.

Obit Januar. 26, 1662.

His second wife was, Anne, daughter of Thomas Temple, of Frankton, in Warwickshire, Esq; (and coheir to her brother, Richard Temple, Esq;) by Rebecca, the daughter of Sir Nicholas Carew, of Beddington, in Surry, Knt. by whom he had five sons, and eight daughters, viz. Henry, and Charles, who died young; another Henry, who was captain of horse, and died unmarried; another Charles, who took to wife, Anne, widow of Sir Edward Sebright, Bart. daughter and heir of Thomas Saunders, of Beechwood, in Hertfordshire, Esq; by whom he had no issue: he died Aug. 16, 1712, and was buried at Over-Areley. Thomas, the fifth and last son, who is the present baronet. Of the daughters, Anne, Elizabeth, and Anne-Charlotte, died young: Catherine, now living, unmarried: Cary, wife of Sir Theophilus Biddulph, of Elmhurst, in Staffordshire, Bart. (she died April 18, 1741:) Mary, widow of William Plowden, of Plowden, in Shropshire, Esq; now living: Anne, the wife of Joseph Amphlett, of Clent, in Staffordshire, Esq; who died 1715: Octavia, who died unmarried.

Sir Charles, lived to a good old age, enjoying his health and senses perfect, and died at Hagley, May 2, 1716, in his eighty-seventh year, and was buried at Over-Areley, to whose memory, a plain black marble stone was erected, without arms or decorations, on which is inscrib'd the following epitaph:

In Memory of Sir Charles Lyttelton, Knt. and Bart. who departed this Life the 2d of May, 1716, in the 87 Year of his age.

This humble Monument was set up by his particular and express Direction, in his last Will.

His lady survived him two years, dying, Aug. 27, 1718.

Sir Thomas Lyttelton, the present baronet, has been chose in three parliaments for the county of Worcester, and was representative in the last parliament for the borough of Camelford, in Cornwall: he was one of the lords commissioners for executing the office of high-admiral of Great-Britain, to which, he was appointed, in May, 1727, and so continu'd till 1741, when he resign'd.

He married Christian, maid of honour to Q. Anne, daughter of Sir Richard Temple, of Stowe, in Bucks, Bart. (by Mary, daughter and coheir of—Knap, of Weston, in Oxfordshire, Esq;) and sister to the present lord viscount Cobham, by whom he has had six sons, and as many daughters, viz. George, the eldest, member in the last, and present parliament, for Okehampton, in Devon, and principal secretary to his royal highness the prince of Wales, who is unmarried; Thomas, who died April 16, 1729, being then page of honour to the princefs-royal: Charles, of the Middle-Temple: Richard, dead: another Richard, page of honour to her late majesty Q. Caroline, who, in Feb. 1740-1, was appointed Capt. of marines in Col. Jeffrey's regiment; and William-Henry. Of the daughters, Christian, the eldest, is the wife of Thomas Pitt, of Boconnock, in Cornwall, Esq; Mary,

Mary, Penelope, and Amelia, dead: Anne, and Hester, both living unmarried.

ARMS: Argent, a Chevron, between three Escallops, Sable (a).

CREST: On a Wreath, a Moor's Head in profile, coup'd proper, a dexter Hand piercing the Moor's Mouth, issuant de Sang. *N. B.* This Hand has of late been omitted. The most ancient Crest of the Family, (born by Thomas Luttlon, grandfather to the judge) was a Greyhound's Head, collar'd. Some of his posterity, about the time of Henry VIII. gave a Dragon's Head eras'd, Argent, langued Gules, gorged with a Laurel Garland, vert.

SUPPORTER: A Triton, or Merman, with his Trident, all proper.

MOTTO: *Ung Dieu, ung roy.*

SEATS: At *Hagley-hall*, in *Worcestershire*; and at *Over-Areley*, in *Staffordshire*.

35. BURDET, of Bramcote, Warwickshire.

(THOMAS, ESQUIRE,)

Created BARONET, Feb. 25, 1618.

See Dugd. Warwickshire 622.

THE first of this family was, Hugh Burdet, who came into England with William the conqueror, anno 1066 (b), who bore for his coat armour, Azure, two Bars, Or: he left issue, William Burdet, lord of Lousby, in com. Leic. (c) who founded the priory at Aucote, near Seckington, in com. War. temp. Hen. II. to expiate the murder of his wife, committed at his return from the Holy Land; the occasion is said to be thus (d); That the said William Burdet, being both a valiant and devout man, made a journey to the Holy Land, for subduing of the infidels in those parts, and that his steward, whilst he was thus absent, solicited the chastity of his lady, who resisted those his uncivil attempts, with much scorn; whereupon, he grew so full of envy towards her, that so soon as he had advertisement of his master's arrival again in England, he went to meet him, and to shadow his own foul crime, complained to him of her looseness with others;

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which

(a) In the Visit. of Salop, there is an atchievement of 84 coats, which this family have a right of quartering; namely, Somerset, Somery, Beauchamp, Talbot, Berkley, Hastings, Palton, D'abitot, Lisle, Holland, Nevile, Grey, and other noble families. (b) Taken from an original pedigree, attested by Richard St. George, Clarenceux, and Henry St. George, Richmond, now in the possession of the present Sir Robert Burdet, Bart. (c) Dugd.

Warw. vol. II. p. 846 and 1129, edit. 1730.

(d) Ibid. p. 1129.

which false accusation so enraged her husband, that when he came home, and that she approach'd to receive him with joyful embraces, he forthwith mortally stabb'd her.

Of this story, related by Sir William Dugdale (*a*), tho' there is nothing but tradition, yet, that he was founder of the monastery at Aucote, is most certain; and doubtless, that monument is for him, which was under an arch in the wall, on the north side of the church, at Aucote, a plain freestone covering the coffin, (wherein his body resteth) curiously emboss'd, with the sculpture of a large cross. In 12 Henry II. he was certify'd to hold half a knight's fee, of William de Beauchamp (*b*), (of Elmsley) *de vet. feoffment*. He was also a witness to a charter of Robert, earl of Leicester, to the monks of Comb, whereby he confirm'd the foundation of that monastery, (seated within his fee) and gave to the nuns of Polesworth, certain lands call'd Coppenhull; which Hugh, his son, confirm'd, who married Matilda de Sumeri, and was father to another Sir William Burdet, Knt. (*c*)

Which Sir William, with Richard de Mundevice, and the sheriff of the county, were, in 36 Henry III. commissioners for assessing a tallage upon all the king's demesnes, within the counties of Warwick and Leicester; and bore for his arms, Azure, two Bars, Or, as by the impression of his seal, and other authorities appeareth, within the compass whereof, the Crescent and Star, are put as a badge of his service, in the Holy Land.

He gave to the monks of Aucote, 12d. yearly rent, issuing out of a tenement there, for the maintenance of a lamp in the church of our Lady, and St. Blaze, at Aucote, before the altar of the blessed virgin, for the health of his own soul, of his wife, Alice, and their ancestors; and when he lay upon his death-bed, bestow'd on them half a yard land, with a water-mill, lying in Radclive. He left issue three sons; Hugh, father of William: Sir Richard Burdet, Knt. lord of Louseby and Newton, in com. Leic. and William Burdet, from whom, the Burdets, of Allington, were descended, whose heir general, Jane, married to Thomas Harvey, of Elmsthorpe, in com. Leic. Sir Richard, left issue, James, John, Sir Richard, and William Burdet, of Louseby, who was living 42 Henry III.

This William, had issue four sons; 1. Richard Burdet, of Newton-Burdet and Louseby, in com. Leic. who died 6 Edw. I. (father to William, slain at Dundee, in Scotland, 11 Ed. I. (*d*) father to John, father to Elizabeth, who, as heir general, conveyed, by marriage, the manor of Louseby (*e*), to her husband, Thomas Ashby, Esq; whose descendants possessed the same.) 2. Hugh.

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(*a*) Dugd. Warw. vol. II. p. 1129. (*b*) Lib. Rub. f. 99. b. (*c*) Dugd. Warw. vol. II. p. 846. (*d*) Burton's Leicest. p. 202. (*e*) Ibid. p. 183.

3. Robert Burdet, one of the justices for the goal-delivery, at Warwick, from 11 Edw. I. to the twentieth of that king's reign, who died without issue, in 31 Edw. I. and left his manor of Huncote, in com. Leic. to his nephew (a), Robert, hereafter named.

4. William Burdet, of Shepey, and Cosby, in com. Leicest. he bore for his arms, Azure, two Barrs, and three Mulletts, in chief, Or. He was one of the knights of that shire, in the parliament held in 25 Edw. I. (b) whose heir general, Agnes, about the reign of Richard II. or Henry IV. became the wife of William Shepey.

As for Hugh, last named, he bore for his arms, three Martlets, charg'd upon the upper Bar, as a filial distinction, leaving issue, Sir Robert Burdet, his son and heir, who added three more Martlets on the other Bar.

Which Sir Robert, was the first that settled at Arrow, in com. Warw. a manor which came to him in right of his wife, Elizabeth, daughter and heir to Sir Gerard de Camville, with whom, he had also a large inheritance, as the (c) lordship of Sekingdon, and divers other lands. In 14 Edw. II. he serv'd in the parliament held at Westminster, as one of the knights of the shire for the county of Warwick; and in 17 Edw. II. was one of the commissioners for the goal-delivery at Warwick; in 18 Edw. II. one of the knights for Leicestershire, in the parliament then held (d); in 19 Edw. II. again knight for Warwickshire, in the parliament held at Westminster; as likewise in 1, 2, and 4 Ed. III. for Leicestershire (e); in the former of which years, he had free warren granted to him, and his heirs, in all his demesne lands, at Arrow and Sekingdon, in com. Warw. as also for those at Huncote, and Mithe, in com. Leic. by (f) charter, bearing date at Worcester, 25 Dec. He was, before the end of the following year of the last mentioned king, constituted sheriff for both counties; being also a commissioner for the goal-delivery, at Warwick. In 7 Edw. III. he was again commissioner for the goal-delivery; also by a special patent, bearing date at York, 4 Feb. the same year, had licence to impark his woods at Arrow, and so to hold them to himself and his heirs forever. He died 7 Ed. III. and left issue, Gerard, and Robert Burdet, both knights; which Sir Robert, was of Burton, super Dunsmore, in com. Warw. in right of his wife, Elizabeth, daughter and coheir to Robert Garshale, of Ibstock, in com. Leic. and likewise of Huncote, in com. Leic. by gift of his father (g), whose posterity continued lords thereof, in the male line, till Henry IVth's time, that the heir general,

(a) Ibid. p. 141.

(b) P. 202.

(c) Dugdale's Warw. vol. II. p. 1126.

(d) MS. penes B. Willis, Arm.

(e) Prynne's Brief Reg. vol. IV. p. 73, 80, 93,

105.

(f) Cart. 1 Ed. III. N. 2.

(g) Burton's Leicest. p. 141.

general, Elizabeth, marrying Sir Humphry Stafford, of Grafton, in com. Wigorn. Knt. brought them to that family.

Gerard, had his principal seat at Arrow, so call'd, from the adjacent river, (probable from its swiftneſs, as the Tigris of the ancients.) In 20 Edward III. he ſerv'd in the wars of France, being then of the retinue to Maurice de Berkley, an Engliſh baron, and departed this life about 33 Edw. III. leaving, by Eleanor, his wife, (ſiſter and heir to John Veale, of Compton-Scorſin, in com. Warw.) John, his ſon and heir, under age; the cuſtody of whoſe lands, together with his marriage, was granted, 33 Edw. III. by Sir Richard Stafford, Knt. to Richard de Clodſhale, of Saltby, in com. Warw.

Which John Burdet, by the death of John deVeale, (his uncle by the mother's ſide) without iſſue, in 34 Edw. III. was found to be one of his couſins, and next heirs; and in 1 Richard II. being then a knight, ſerv'd in parliament for Warwickſhire (*a*). In 2 Richard II. was conſtituted one of the commiſſioners of the ſaid county, for taxing a ſubſidy, at that time granted the king; and having married Margaret (*b*), daughter to Thomas Fitton, of Gauſworth, in com. Ceſt. Eſq; was ſucceeded by,

Sir Thomas Burdet, Knt. his ſon and heir, a perſon honour'd with divers great employments. He was conſtituted one of the commiſſioners for the array, in 5 Richard II. ſerv'd in parliament as one of the knights of the ſhire for the county of Warwick, in 16 Richard II. as alſo in 2 and 8 Henry IV. (*c*) In 3 Henry V. he was made ſheriff for the counties of Warwick and Leiceſterſhire. In 6 Henry V. he was again one of the commiſſioners of array, in com. Warw. and the year following, jointly intruſted with the ſheriff and others, to treat with the people for a loan of money to the king; and was in commiſſion for aſſeſſing and collecting a ſubſidy, in 9 Henry V. He left iſſue, by Anne, his wife, (daughter and coheir to John Waldeif) Nicholas, his ſon and heir.

Which Nicholas, being one of thoſe, who, bearing arms from his anceſtors, as the writ and return thereof ſpecially intimates, had ſummons to attend the king in perſon, 7 Henry V. for defence of the realm; and ſhortly after, he was retained to ſerve the ſaid king in his wars, having received of John Salvaine, treaſurer at war to the duke of Bedford, for himſelf, two men at arms, and ſeven archers, 29 l. 11 s. 6 d. for one quarter's wages. And continuing in thoſe wars, in 3 Henry VI. he was one that defended the town of St. James de Beveron, in Normandy (*d*), upon the frontiers of Britany, on the ſiege thereof, by Arthur, earl of Richmond, and Yverie, conſtable of France; and making a courageous

(*a*) Prynne, *ibid.* p. 342.
ibid. p. 421, &c.

(*b*) Burton's Leiceſt. p. 202.
(*d*) Holling. Chron. p. 618. Col. 1.

(*c*) Prynne,

gious sally, seven or eight hundred of the enemy were slain, fifty taken prisoners, with 18 standards, and one banner. In 15 Hen. VI. he was a knight, and was afterwards slain at the battle of Pontoise, 18 Henry VI. (a) at which time he was chief butler of Normandy, and governor of Eurieux, in that dutchy. By his wife, Joan, cousin and heir of Henry Bruin, (with whom he had the manor of Bramcote, in com. Warw. (b)) he had, Thomas Burdet, Esq; his son and heir.

Which Thomas, in 28 Henry VI. was employed in his country about levying the subsidy then granted to the king: He was a person of great note and figure there, and from the seventh to the fourteenth of Edward IV. was in commission for conserving the peace: but, anno 17 Edward IV. having incur'd the king's displeasure, for his good affections to the duke of Clarence, so strict were the eyes and ears of his enemies (c),

that an advantage was soon taken to take away his life; for hearing that the king had killed a white buck, in his park at Arrow, which buck he set much store by, he passionately wished the horns in his belly that mov'd the king so to do; for which words, he was arraign'd and convicted of high treason, upon inference of a mischievous meaning to the king himself, and was be-

headed for the same. His body lies buried in the chapel of All-Souls, within the Grey-Fryers, near Newgate, in whose martyrology, was this memorial for him, viz. *Valens Armiger Domini Georgii Ducis Clarentiæ.*

After the death of this Thomas, there grew great suits for his manor of Arrow, and other lands, betwixt Richard Burdet, his son, by Agnes, daughter of John Waldeif, a former wife, that had been, for nearness of kindred, divorced from him, A. D. 1464, and John Burdet, his son, by Margaret, a later wife, daughter of John Rodney: for the said Thomas, (by licence obtained from the crown) 12 Ed. IV. had alienated his lands to his younger son, to the disinheritment of his elder; of which he became afterwards so sensible, that as he was drawn (d) from the Tower to the place of his execution, espying his eldest son, in Westcheap, over-against St. Thomas Becket's hospital, (now Mercers-chapel) he caus'd himself to be staid, and there ask'd his said son forgiveness, and acknowledged the wrong he had done him, concluded that to be the cause of God's vengeance then against him.

But in the suit aforementioned, the said John, (the younger son) prevail'd; for Margaret, his mother (e), held her estate therein for life, and married, secondly, Thomas Woodhill: however, the said Richard Burdet, so wrought with his brother John,

as

(a) Ibid. (b) Burdet's Ped. (c) Fuller's Worthies in com. Leic. p. 140. Burton's Leic. p. 207, (d) Stow's Ann. p. 430. (e) Dugd. Warw. vol. II. p. 849.

as also with the said Margaret, and her husband, that they levied a fine of the manor of Arrow, Compton-Scorfin, with other lands, and generously gave the said Richard, the present possession thereof; whereby he became vested in the said inheritance, with the remainder, to Thomas, his son; and for want of issue by him, to Robert, his other son, and the heirs of his body; and for his want of such issue, to the right heirs of the said Richard, for ever.

Which two sons, died young, in their father's life-time, and Richard, himself, by Joyse, daughter of Sir Simon Montfort, Knt. (who surviv'd him, and afterwards married Sir Hugh Conway, treasurer of Ireland) left no heir male: the consideration whereof, much moving the said John, forasmuch as the manor of Arrow, and the rest of the entail'd estate, was like to be transferr'd into another family, by Anne, the daughter and heir to the same Richard, he exhibited a petition in parliament to King Henry VIII. about the beginning of his reign, wherein, the better to ingratiate himself, he set forth his adherence to Henry, duke of Bucks, in the behalf of Henry, earl of Richmond, (afterwards king, by the name of Henry VII.) against King Richard III. alledging, that upon the miscarriage of that duke, in his said attempts, he himself was taken at Gloucester, and there kept prisoner; and mov'd, that the said fine should be made void, so that himself and his heirs might enjoy that estate, in such sort, as he and they should and ought to have done, had it not been levy'd. This John, had four brothers; Nicholas, Robert, George, and Edward; and two sisters, Joan, and Isabel.

This John Burdet (*a*), was one of the retinue to Sir Edward Howard, admiral, in 4 Henry VIII. for scouring the seas on the southern coast of England, and in no small favour at court; for his petition took such effect, that he pursu'd his claims to the said Lordship, and all other the lands whereof his father was seized, against Edward Conway, and Anne, his wife, daughter and heir to the aforesaid Richard Burdet, as if there had been no such entail as before specify'd; which suits continued many years, to a very great expence between them, and ended not in the said Sir John's days, (for he was a knight) who died in 20 Henry VIII. leaving issue, by Anne, his wife, daughter of William Harewell, of that county, Thomas, his son and heir, John, William, and George; also four daughters, Joan, Osburna, wife to George Daston, in com. Glouc. Elizabeth, to John Copland, and Anne, to John Hall.

Which Thomas Burdet, as also Edward Conway, and Anne, his wife, submitted the difference about the estate (in 22 Henry VIII.) to the arbitration of Clement, then abbot of Evesham, William, prior of Worcester, Roger Winter, and John Russel, Esqrs.

(*a*) Stow's An. p. 490.

Esqrs. who made their award, that the said Thomas Burdet, should quietly enjoy to himself and his heirs, all the lands in Longdon-Travers, and Newbold, in com. Wigorn. and Conway, and his wife, and their heirs, those in Lodyngton, in com. Warw. as also in Belne, and Hoblench, in com. Wigorn. But this award did not quiet them, so that new suits began again; and about two years after they made choice of Sir Anthony Fitzherbert, and Sir William Shelley, Knts. then justices of the common-pleas, to determine the business; who taking upon them the decision thereof, thus stated it, viz. That the said Thomas Burdet, and his heirs, should have the manors of Bramcote, Sekington, Compton-Scorfin, and Welmecote in the county of Warwick, Longdon-Travers, Little Longdon, Arminscote, and Newbold, in com. Wigorn. with Larkstoke, Myculton, Pebworth, Quinton, and Kyrmescote, in com. Gloucest. as also 200 marks in money; and the said Edw. Conway, and Ann his wife, and their heirs, the manor of Arrow, with those of Lodington, Kingley, Alymore, and Camyl-hill in com. Warw. Belne, Hoblench, Clodshall, Upton-Warryn, Upton upon Severn, with Beeley and Elmbrigge, in com. Wigorn.

This Thomas Burdet, died about the 31st of Hen. VIII. leaving by Mary his wife, daughter to Sir Robert Throckmorton, Knt. Robert Burdet, Esq; his son and heir; Clement, a Clergyman; Humphrey, William, and Ethelbert; also three Daughters, Blanch, wife to — Samborne; Catherine to — Ludlow; and Eleanor to — Willenscote.

Which Robert, made his usual residence at Bramcote, was elected one of the knights of the shire for the county (a) of Warwick, in the parliament 1 Edw. VI. departed his life, 11 Jan. 2 Edw. VI. and by Elizabeth his wife, daughter to Sir Tho. Cockaine, of Ashburne in com. Derb. Knt. had issue, Tho. Burdet, Esq; his son and heir, Francis, George, William, student in the Middle-Temple, and John; Thomas died 15 July, 33 Eliz. and having married Bridget, daughter of Thomas Curson of Croxhall in com. Derb. Esq; had issue, Robert, Thomas, Lawrence, and John, which John, died without issue; also three daughters, Dorothy, wife to John Barwell, of Sekingdon, Gent. Anne, to — Sheffield, Gent. and Mary; and was succeeded by Robert Burdet, Esq; his son and heir, who took to wife, Mary, daughter of Dr. Thomas Wilson, dean of Durham, one of the principal secretaries of state to Q. Elizabeth; and deceasing 27 March, 1603, lies buried at Sekingdon, in co. War. A fine mural monument on the North side of the church being erected to his memory, representing (under a Canopy supported by two pillars) the figures of a gentleman in armour, and his lady in the dress of the times, kneeling

(a) MS. præd. penes B. Willis, Arm.

kneeling on cushions, with a table between them ; behind him, three sons habited like their father, in armour ; behind her, the figures of as many daughters, in praying postures, habited in the dress of the times ; and underneath a latin inscription in roman capitals, importing, that he was in the commission of the peace, and a gentleman of piety and probity, a faithful patriot to his country, a friend to the poor, and that his wife, surviving him, rais'd the said monument. She lies buried in St. Andrew's choir, adjoining to the parochial church of Penrith in Cumberland, having this inscription (a).

Here lyeth Mary, Daughter of Thomas Wilson, Secretary of State to Queen Elizabeth, who was first married to Robert Burdet, of Bramcote (b) in the county of Warwick, Esq; by whom she had Sir Thomas Burdet, Bart. and several Sons and Daughters : And was afterwards married to Sir Christopher Lowther, of Lowther in the County of Westmoreland, Knt. Her Daughter Elizabeth Burdet married Anthony Hutton, of Penrith in the County of Cumberland, Esq; with whom she lived and died the last Day of May, A. D. 1622.

They had issue Thomas, and (c) six Daughters, Bridget, wife to William Whelpdale ; Anne, to John Bowes, of Elford in com. Staff. Esq; Mary, to Richard Frampton, Esq; Elizabeth, to Anthony Hutton, of Penrith in com. Cumb. Esq; son of Sir William Hutton, Knt. Letice, wife to Richard Skelton, of Armenthwaite in com. Cumb. Gent. and Lucrecia, who died unmarried.

Thomas Burdet, of Seckington and Bramcote, Esq; son of the said Robert, born the 3d of August 1585, was by his majesty King James advanc'd to the dignity of a baronet, the 25th of February 1618. He added to his possessions the manour of Formark, and a good estate in Derbyshire, by marriage of Jane, daughter and heir of William Frauncys, Esq; nephew and heir to John Frauncys of Formark, aforesaid, Esq; which seat has, since that time, been the chief residence of this family.

This Sir Thomas, was a good house-keeper, charitable to the poor, and ever ready to do all friendly offices. His lady was a very ingenious and learn'd person, as well as a pattern of all goodness ; she kept correspondence with some of our most eminent divines, particularly the most famous archbishop Sheldon, who found an agreeable sanctuary and comfortable subsistence at Bramcote, during the great rebellion and exile of K. Charles II. She surviv'd her husband, and was bury'd by him, in the chancel

(a) Le Neve's Mon. Ang. vol. I. p. 52, Rob. Burdet, Bar,

(b) Bramcote,

(c) Ex inf. r. D. 1622

*See Inq. d.
Warw. 1610.*

cel belonging to the family in the church of Repton. They had issue three sons, 1. Sir Frauncis, his successor. 2. Robert, a merchant and alderman of the city of London, (who, by Mary his wife, daughter of alderman Wright, left issue.) 3. Leicester, who died at Aleppo, unmarried. Likewise seven daughters, Catharine, married to Seabright Repington, of Amington in com. Warw. Esq; Isabel, Wife of Francis Merick, merchant of London; Lettice, espous'd to William Houncel, merchant of London; Mary, wedded to George Bowes of Elford in Staffordshire, Esq; Jane, betroth'd to Gilbert Thacker of Repton in Derbyshire, Esq; Dorothy, who died unmarried; and Bridget, wife to Thomas Gresley, Esq; son and heir of Sir George Gresley, of Drakelow in com. Derby. Bart.

Sir Frauncis Burdet, Bart. born the 10th of September 1608; took to wife Elizabeth, daughter of Sir John Walter, Knt. of Sarfden in Oxfordshire, lord chief baron of the exchequer, a lady of exemplary prudence and behaviour; and both have left an admirable character for their charity and hospitality, which proceeded from a principle of goodness, and not the least ostentation; for they were known rather to be austere than affected with any desire of shew or applause. The building from the ground, and endowing the church of Formark, is likewise a lasting monument of their piety and regard for religion; which church, call'd (a) St. Saviours, was consecrated in the year 1662. This Sir Frauncis, and his lady, both liv'd to be very aged: she was born in September 1613, and died the 17th of April 1701; (b) and his death and sepulture is commemorated by the following inscription on a plain stone upon the ground in the aforesaid Church, viz.

" The Body of Sir Frauncis Burdet, Baronet,
 " Founder of this Chapel, is here interr'd: Who
 " dy'd the 30th of Decemb. MDCXCVI. in the
 " 89th Year of his Age. Was 61 Years Husband
 " to Elizabeth, Daughter of Sir John Walter,
 " Lord Chief Baron: By whom he had nine Chil-
 " dren, all surviving him.

Thesewere, 1. Sir Robert, his successor. 2. Francis, who died, unmarried, the 18th of April, 1709. 3. Walter, who was of the Inner-Temple, London, and afterwards of Knowl-hill in com. Derby. who died unmarried; and during the pregnancy of Elizabeth, wife of his nephew, Robert Burdet, Esq; (as hereafter is shewn) took upon himself the title of baronet. 4. John, late of Donisthorpe, in the counties of Derby and Leicester, who married Anna, the daughter of Mr. Muggleston, but died without issue. 5. Thomas, who died, unmarried, the 12th of Aug. 1698.

(a) Inscip. apud Formark,

(b) Ibid,

1698. Likewise four daughters, Dorothy, who died, unmarried, September 4, 1718. Mary, born January 23, 1643, and died the 15th of April 1701. Elizabeth, wife to Edmund Jordrell, of Eardsley and Twamlow in Cheshire, Esq; and Jane, married to Edward Hopegood, Esq;

Sir Robert Burdet, Bart. born the 11th of January 1640, was, in his father's life-time, elected knight of the shire for the county of Warwick (*a*), in two parliaments in the reign of Charles II. Likewise for the city of Litchfield in 1 W. M. 2 W. M. and 7 W. III. He died the 18th of January 171 $\frac{1}{2}$, in the 76th year of his age, having had three wives: 1. Mary, daughter of Gervase Pigot, of Thrumpton, in Nottinghamshire, Esq; and coheir of John St. Andrew, of Goteham, in the same county, Esq; who died in the 27th year of her age, the 31st of August 1668. (leaving an only daughter Elizabeth, who married Charles Jenens of the Middle-Temple, and of Gopsall in com. Leicest. Esq;) 2. Magdalen, daughter of Sir Thomas Aston, of Aston in com. Cest. Bart. And, lastly, Mary, daughter to Mr. Thomas Brome, of Crox-hall in Derbyshire, who surviv'd him without issue; but Magdalen, his second wife, bore him four sons, and four daughters, whereof Magdalen, Lettice, and Dorothy, died infants; and Jane, married John Cotton, of Gedding, in com. Hunt. Esq; son and heir of Sir Robert Cotton, Bart. Of the sons, Francis, the eldest, born Sept. 3, 1666, died the 25th of May 1667; John, third son, died an infant; and Henry, youngest son, was unfortunately drown'd at Oxon.

Robert, second son, (and heir apparent of Sir Robert Burdet, Bart.) born the 25th of June 1680, died eleven days before his father, viz. on the 7th of January 171 $\frac{1}{2}$, leaving Elizabeth his wife, daughter to William, lord viscount Tracy, (and sister to Thomas-Charles, the present lord,) with child, who was deliver'd the 28th of May 1716, of a son Sir Robert, the present baronet; she likewise had by him six daughters (*b*), Elizabeth, now living; Jane, who died unmarried; Mary, relict of colonel Richard Pyott, son of Richard Pyott, of Streetway in the county of Stafford, Esq; by whom she hath one son; Frances, now living; Anne, wife to Wrightson Mundy, of Osbaston in the county of Leic. Esq; and Dorothy, married to the rev. Mr. John Rolleston, rector of Aston upon Trent, in the county of Derby; Elizabeth, surviving her said Husband, Robert Burdet, Esq; married Robert Holden, of Aston, in com. Derb. Esq;

Sir Robert Burdet, the present baronet, successor to his grandfather in title and estate, married, in Nov. 1739 (*c*), Elizabeth, the only daughter of Sir Charles Sedley, late of Nuthall in the county

(*a*) Willis's MS.

(*b*) Ex Inf, Dom, Rob. Burdet, Bar,

(*c*) Ibid.

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county of Nottingham, Bart. and sister to the present Sir Charles Sedley, of Nuthall afore said, Bart.

ARMS: Azure, two Barrs, Or. The late Sir Robert Burdet, Bart. left out the Martlets, and bore the ancient arms of his family, (viz.) Azure, two Barrs, Or, and his descendents have continued to bear the same.

CREST: On a Wreath, a Lion's Head eras'd Sable, Langued, Gules.

SEATS: At *Bramcote*, in *Warwickshire*, and *Foremark*, in *Derbyshire*.

36. MACKWORTH, of Normanton, Rutlandshire.

(THOMAS, ESQUIRE,)

Created BARONET, June 4, 1619.

MACKWORTH, in *Derbyshire*, gave name to this ancient family, seated there for many generations; one of which was of the retinue to the famous James, lord Audley, knight of the garter, who was very instrumental in obtaining the glorious victory, at Poitiers, under the Black Prince, in 20 Edw. III. where the French, tho' much superior, receiv'd an overthrow, the king, and dauphin of France, many of his nobles, and innumerable common soldiers, being taken prisoners, as our historians write; and that this lord Audley, acquainting the prince, before the fight, with the vow (*a*) he had made to be the first in the battle, crav'd his licence that he might accomplish it; to which the prince accorded, and said, *Sir James, God give you this day that grace to be the best knight of all (b) others*: and thereupon, departing with his four esquires, (Mackworth, being one of them) went to the foremost front of the battle. And Walsingham, adds this (*c*) farther of him, that by his extraordinary valour, he broke through the French army, and caus'd much slaughter that day to the enemy.

His noble conduct and valour so infinitely pleas'd the brave prince, that, as a testimony thereof, he settled 500 marks in land upon him, in England, of annual revenue, (a considerable estate in those days) which this lord presently and frankly settled on his four (*d*) esquires; whereof the prince being acquainted, demanded whether

(a) Dugd. Bar. vol. I. p. 749.
ham, ann. 1357, p. 864.

(b) Froissard, fol. 81.
(d) Froissard, f. 84.

(c) Tho. Walsing-

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whether he lik'd not his bounty, or thought the gift beneath his acceptance; to which, when answer was given, That they deserv'd the fame as well as himself, without whose assistance, says he, *I, a single man, could have done but little*; the prince, thereupon, thank'd him for so doing, and gave him 600 marks per ann. more. The posterity of all the four esquires, have, in memory of this victory, added the said lord's coat armour to their own, as plainly appears, by the Cheveron Gules, Frettè, Or, bore by this family of Mackworth, Delves, Haukeston, &c.

John Touchet, lord Audley, son-in-law, and at length heir of the afore said James, in (a) consideration that John, and Thomas Mackworth (b), were valiant men, and of the good services done by them and their ancestors, to the said lord Audley's family, and for their farther honour, grants part of their arms to be born by them and their heirs, with due difference, viz. Party per pale, indented, Sable and Ermine, a Cheveron, Gules, Frettè, Or. In testimony to which grant (whereof this is an abstract) he put his seal of arms, viz. Quarterly, 1 and 4 Frettè, and 2 and 3 Ermine, a Cheveron, circumscrib'd, *Sigillum Johannis D' Audley*. Dated at his manor of Marketon, the 1st of Aug. 1404.

A descendant of this family was, John Mackworth, L. L. D. to whom did formerly belong, the messuage in Holbourn, now known by the name of Bernard's-Inn, but anciently called (c), Mackworth's-Inn: he succeeded John de Shepey, as dean of Lincoln, 1412, and dying 1451, was buried in the cathedral of Lincoln, under a goodly monument, which had this inscription (d):

Johannes Mackworth, Decretorum Doctor, nuper
Cancellarius illustrissimi Principis Filii Regis Hen-
rici Quarti, ac Decanus Ecclesie Cathedralis beate
Marie.

But the chief of this line, who first settled in the county of Rutland, was Thomas Mackworth, of Mackworth (e), in com. Derby. Esq; who serv'd in parliament as one of the knights of the shire for the county of Derby, in (f) 3 and 4 Henry VI. and marrying Alice, sister and heir to Sir John de Basings, (that died issueless, in 24 Henry VI.) became possess'd of a fair inheritance, and principally of the towns and manors of Normanton, Empingham, and Hardwick, in com. Rutland, which first place, from thenceforth, became their capital mansion. This Alice, sister to Sir John, son

(a) Differences of arms, MS. per Ralph Brook, York, herald, penes Fra. Hougham.

(b) See the copy of the deed at length, of the lord Audley's grant of part of his arms of Audley and Touchet, to compose a coat for John, and Thomas Mackworth, dated 1404, in V sit. North. Rot. p. 249. Le Neve's MSS. of the baronets, vol. I. p. 105.

(c) Stow's Survey of Lond. vol. I. b. 3. p. 251. (d) Brown Willis's Survey of Cathed. vol. II. p. 77.

(e) Wright's Rutlandshire, p. 93. (f) Willis's Notit. Parl. vol. II. p. 220.

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of Thomas, son of William de Bafings, by Margaret, his wife, daughter and heir of Thomas de Normanville, son of Ralph, son of Thomas de Normanville, who died temp. Henry III. whose ancestors, soon after the conquest, were lords of Normanton, and were also seated at Kenerton, in the hundred of Blackborne, in Kent, till their male issue failing, both that estate, and this in Rutland, went by match, to the Bafings, a family of great account and antiquity, descended from Adam de Basing, lord-mayor of London, in 36 Henry III. (1251,) whose habitation was where Blackwell-hall now stands, and from whom, the street and ward thereunto adjoining, had the denomination of Basing's-hall-street, and Basing's-hall ward (*a*).

To the said Thomas Mackworth, succeeded Henry, his son and heir, who, fixing in the county of Rutland, was (*b*) sheriff thereof, in 18 Edward IV. and (John, his son and heir, dying in his lifetime,) was succeeded by his grandson, George Mackworth, sheriff of the county of (*c*) Rutland, in 12 Henry VII, and VIII. 14, 22, and 26 Henry VIII. departing this life two years after, viz. in 28 Henry VIII. 1536, leaving, by Anne, his wife, a daughter, Lucy (*d*), married to Francis Brown, of Stamford, Esq; and Francis, his son and heir.

Which Francis Mackworth (*e*), of Normanton, Esq; took to wife, Ellen, one of the eight daughters of Humphry Hercy, of Grove, in com. Nott. Esq; by Elizabeth, his wife, daughter of Sir John Digby, of Kettelby, Knt. (*f*) (sister and coheir to Sir John Hercy, Knt. who died S. P. 12 Eliz.) whereby he shar'd a great inheritance. He was sheriff of (*g*) Rutland, in 30 and 35 Henry VIII. also 3 Queen Mary; and died in 1 Elizabeth, leaving George, his son and heir, who was thrice sheriff, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, and, by Grace, his wife, daughter of Ralph Rokebey, Esq; serjeant at law, had issue,

Thomas Mackworth, of Normanton, Esq; (*h*) sheriff of Rutland, in 41 Eliz. and 7 Jac. I. was advanced to the dignity of baronet, by letters patents, bearing date the 4th of June, 1619. He married Margaret, daughter and heir of — Hall, of Greford, in com. Linc. Esq; (sole heir to her mother, daughter and coheir of Francis Neale, of Tugby, in com. Linc. Esq;) who bore him four sons and a daughter, which last died young. The sons were,

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(*a*) Wright's Rutlandshire, p. 92. (*b*) Fuller's worthies in eodem Com. (*c*) Ibid. (*d*) Wright's Rutl. p. 129. (*e*) It was found by office, in 2 Eliz. that Francis Mackworth, Esq; held certain lands in Empingham, and Hardwick, of the yearly value of 43 l. of the lord Barkley, by knights service, and that George Mackworth is his son and heir, which George, was the great grandfather of Sir Thomas Mackworth, Bart. the present lord of Empingham, which he enjoys by inheritance from the beforementioned Ralph de Normanville, who died 43 Henry III. this estate having now continued in the same blood, though not in the same name, above four hundred years. Wright's Rutland, p. 46.

(*f*) Thoroton's Nott. p. 401.

(*g*) Fuller's Worthies, ut antea.

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1. Sir Henry. 2. Sir Francis, who died unmarried. 3. Peregrine, who took to wife, ———, widow of ——— Moor, of Grantham, in com. Lincoln. Esq; barrister at law, but had no issue; and 4. Neale Mackworth, who died unmarried.

Sir Henry Mackworth, Bart. (successor to his father in title and estate) rebuilt the manor-house, at Normanton, and having married Mary, daughter of Robert Hopton, of Wittam, in com. Somerset. Esq; second sister and coheir of Ralph, lord Hopton, of Stratton, in com. Cornub. had issue by her two daughters, and five sons; 1. Sir Thomas. 2. Robert, who resided at Empingham, and married twice; first, Elizabeth, daughter of John Hatcher, of Empingham, aforesaid, Esq; and secondly, Martha, daughter of Edward Corbet, D. D. of the Edmond line, in com. Salop. by both which he had issue, but none survived him by the last: he died, Feb. 1, 171 $\frac{7}{8}$, aged ninety-five, and lies buried in Kenfington church-yard, in Middlesex, with this inscription:

Here lies the Body of Robert Mackworth, Esq; second Son of Henry Mackworth, Baronet, of Rutland, in Lincolnshire. He died Feb. the 1st, 171 $\frac{7}{8}$, aged 95 Years.

Robert, by his first wife, had two sons; (1. Thomas, who married Mrs. Parker, of Stamford, by whom he left no issue; and 2. Robert, of Huntingdon, who married Mary, daughter of William Dowse, of Huntingdon, merchant, and left issue, Thomas, and Elizabeth, married to Lewis Smith, of Great-Gedding: Thomas, married Elizabeth, daughter of John Maule, of Ecton, in com. Northton, Gent. and has one daughter, Mary, an infant.) 3. Henry, who died unmarried. 4. Edmund, a merchant, who deceased at Aleppo, S. P. 5. Gustavus, youngest son, married Dorothy, widow to Thomas, lord Grey, of Groby, eldest son and heir apparent to Henry, earl of Stamford, and daughter and coheir to Edward Bouchier, earl of Bath, by whom he left only one daughter, Mary, married to a gentleman in Lincolnshire. Sir Henry's two daughters were, Margaret, wife of Philip Young, of Keniton, in com. Salop, Esq; and Jane, first wife of Hugh Underwood, of Witlesey, in the Isle of Ely, Esq;

Sir Thomas Mackworth, Bart. (eldest son and heir of Sir Henry) had all the advantages of education, which, together with an excellent temper, good natural parts, and a readiness to do all friendly offices, won him the esteem of all that knew him, and render'd him highly valu'd in his country. He was chosen one of the knights for the county of Rutland, in all parliaments, from the thirty-first year of the reign of King Charles II. to the time of his death, A. D. 1694; and having married two wives; 1. Dorothy, daughter of captain George Darrel, of Cale-hill, in the county

county of Kent, had issue by her one son, Thomas, who died in the life-time of his father, and two daughters, Dorothy, who wedded John Wingfield, of Tikencote, in com. Rut. Esq; and Utrechia, who died unmarried: but by Anne, his second lady, daughter of Humphry Mackworth, of Betton, in com. Salop. Esq; (a cadet of this ancient family,) he had issue four daughters, Mary, and Anne, who both died unmarried; Jane, married to Abraham Rys, of Lincolnshire, Gent. who left her a widow, but no issue, and Elizabeth, who is living, unmarried: likewise three sons, Humphry, and Hopton, that died unmarried, and Sir Thomas, who, upon his father's death, succeeded to the title and estate.

Which Sir Thomas Mackworth, the present baronet, was returned by indenture (17 Dec. 1694,) as one of the knights in parliament for the county of Rutland, in the room of his father, deceas'd, and was likewise elected for the said county, in the first and fourth of Queen Anne, and in the two first parliaments of his late majesty King George I. he is at present unmarried.

ARMS: Party per pale, indented, Sable and Ermine, a Chevron, Gules, Fretté, Or.

CREST: On a Wreath, a Wing, per pale, indented as the Shield.

37. HICKES, of Beverston, Gloucestershire.

(WILLIAM, ESQUIRE,)

Created BARONET, July 21, 1619.

THIS family is descended originally out of the county of Gloucester, where some of them have been anciently seated, tho' they bear different arms. Robert Hickes, was, I suppose, a younger brother, as appears by an old fine in Edward the VIth's time, wherein Thomas Hickes, is mention'd to hold lands at Barkeley, in the county of Gloucester, for which there was a contest in law, but concluded by the judges, (Edward Montagu, William Shelley, Humphrey Brown, and John Hynde) and Robert Hickes, was to pay 20 l. to the said Thomas; on which consideration, he and his wife Margaret, (daughter and heir of James Atwood, and Alice his wife, daughter and heir of William Payne,) releas'd and quit-claim'd all their pretence, to a certain house and lands. This Robert, was a wealthy citizen and mercer of London, living in Cheapside, where by his trade

he rais'd a considerable estate, and by Juliana his wife, daughter to William Arthur, of Clapham, in Surry, Esq; had issue three sons; Sir Michael, born 21 Octob. 35 Hen. VIII. Francis, born 36 Hen. VIII. and Baptist.

Which Baptist, the youngest son, being brought up in his father's business, and having great dealings with the court, (by his elder brother Michael's means) for his rich silks and commodities fetch'd from Italy and foreign parts, by which he got a great estate; and upon King James's coming in, was sworn his servant, 1603, and soon knighted (*a*); he was one of the first citizens that kept shop after his knighthood, upon which in 1607, he had some dispute with the aldermen about it, and had also a contest with the aldermen for precedency, standing upon his knighthood, which matter came at last to be decided by the court marshal: before his death, he was advanc'd to far greater honours; for, 4 Car. I. he was created a peer of the realm, by the title of Baron Hickes, of Ilmington in com. Warw. as also viscount Camden, of Camden in com. Glouc. with remainder, for default of issue-male, to Edward, lord Noel, (and his heirs male) who had married Juliana, his eldest daughter, A.D. 1605, from whom descend the earl of Gainfborough, enjoying now, by virtue of the special entail, those titles of honour granted to this Sir Baptist; Sir Baptist's second daughter and coheir, Mary, was match'd with Sir Charles Morison, of Cashiobury, in com. Hertford, Knt. and from an heiress of that family, that estate is now in the earl of Essex. Stow in his survey of London, says, it was reported, that these two heiresses were worth 100,000 l. a-piece. His large charities and good deeds to the town of Camden in com. Glocest. &c. are set down at large in Stow (*b*).

Sir Michael Hickes, (the eldest son of Robert,) the immediate ancestor of this elder branch of the family, having spent some time at Trinity-College in Cambridge, remov'd, for the study of the law, to Lincoln's-Inn: from thence he was taken into the service of the lord Burghley, lord high treasurer of England, that great statesman, and chief counsellor to Queen Elizabeth; by that lord he was preferr'd to be one of his secretaries, and so continu'd during the treasurer's life; he was well skill'd in philosophical learning, and had read over the polite Roman historians and moralists; out of which authors he made large collections, especially of their moral and wise sentences, with which he fill'd divers paper-books, still remaining in the family. The other secretary to the lord Burghley, was Henry Maynard, Esq; whose son Sir William Maynard, was created Lord Maynard.

Sir Michael, by his ingenious education and good parts, became very polite and agreeable, and was admitted into a society of learn'd
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(*a*) Stow's Survey of London, vol. I. b. I. p. 287. (*b*) *Ibid.* p. 288.

and eminent persons, having the accomplishment of a facetious wit to recommend him. Some of his chief acquaintance and friends were Sir Fulk Grevil, Sir Henry Glemham, Sir John Smith, (cousin-german to the queen) Sir Francis Bacon, Sir Walter Raleigh, Mr. Camden, and others: but he was most dear to Sir Robert Cecyl, the lord treasurer's son, both when he was the queen's chief secretary of state, master of the court of wards and liveries, and earl of Salisbury, and lord high treasurer, succeeding in his noble father's office; Sir Michael, was ever at his right hand, and he was never better pleas'd than when he had his company and pleasant conversation; he also employ'd him in most of his business, and committed many of his secret affairs to him, knowing, by long experience, his faithfulness; and many persons knowing what interest he had with Sir Robert, both when secretary, and lord high treasurer, made him their friend, at any rate, to solicit their causes with him, who was ever (except necessarily obstructed) ready to gratify Sir Michael, especially where benefit was like to accrue to him; he held a correspondence with the earl of Salisbury, Sir Francis Bacon, Sir Walter Raleigh, and others the chief men of his time; as appear'd by many letters, which were in the family.

When Sir Robert Cecil, became lord high treasurer of England, and was created earl of Salisbury, which was about the year 1605, Sir Michael, congratulated his preferment, in a letter to him, where, among the rest of his wishes, he wish'd him *Otium cum Dignitate*; which the earl took particular notice of, in a short answer, as an happiness seldom befalling persons in great place, thanking him for his congratulation, and especially for his good wish, tho' he fear'd, he said, he should not be so happy. Sir Michael, was a very witty jocosé man, and his company much sought after by persons of rank and distinction.

Queen Elizabeth being in her progress, took occasion once to talk with her secretary, (who she knew was Mr. Hickes's Friend) concerning certain witty verses of Mr. Hickes's writing, (that had come to her ears) burlesquing some of the grave members of parliament: and what entertainment it found with her majesty, the secretary, in his correspondence, imparted, viz. *That she excus'd him as much as any; and that when he told her he could not tell what Mr. Michael said for himself, but that what he had writ, was, in his fancy, as pretty and pithy as ever he saw. Ay, marry, (said the queen) but he wrote them not himself.* To which the secretary said, (swearing to her) *he knew he did. Well, saith she, when I see him next, we shall have good sport.*—The account of this matter the secretary wrote to Mr. Hickes, who having heard, with some concern, that the queen had seen his rhimes, desir'd to know the truth of this business; and thereupon he wrote

to him, asserting, for his satisfaction, that he lied not, and that, that, was the truth, and the whole truth, as he assur'd him faithfully. The verses, as I find them written by his own hand, were as follow :

De Crepitu in Parlamento.

*Down came Sir John Croke,
And said his Message on his Book ;
Sir William Norris, nodded so so,
But William Ludlow's Bum, cry'd no.
Up stood one fuller of Devotion
Than Eloquence, and cry'd a good Motion.
I doubt of that, quoth Sir Harry Jenkyn,
I like the Motion, but for the stinking,
And before this Business be transacted,
I think this Fart must be enacted.
Excellent Sport, by this Light,
Quoth Mr. James, of the Isle of Wight :
Nay, quoth Sir Harry Powle, 'tis a mad Trick
To fart in the Nose of a Body Politick.
Quoth Mr. Bennet, this young Man was very bold,
This Privilege belongeth to us that be old.
Quoth Mr. Bond, it's a Sign of Wind,
When any Man gives his Voice behind.*

He was not hasty to marry, insomuch that his mother-in-law, one Mrs. Pen, being desirous to see him match'd before her death, told Sir Robert Cecil, when she once sent him a suit of hangings, that she had kept them thirty-two years, expecting her son's marriage, and that unless he would make haste and marry, she promised Sir Robert, to give him also her house, and all the stuff belonging to it. But being fifty-four years old, or upward, at length he met with a very worthy gentlewoman, for prudence as well as wealth ; she was, Elizabeth, the daughter of Mr. Colston, a merchant, whose country seat was a fair house, upon the forest of Waltham, in the parish of Low-Layton, in com. Essex. called therefore the forest-house, (late in the possession of Sir Gilbert Heathcote, Knt. and Bart. alderman of London ;) she was the widow and relict of Henry Parvith, or Parvis, Esq; (son of Thomas Parvis of Guilford, in com. Sur.) an eminent merchant of London, whose country-house was Ruckholts, a manor in the said parish of Low-Layton, which, coming by this marriage to Sir Michael, he there liv'd and died : such were the good accomplishments of this lady, that soon after marriage, Sir Robert Cecil, in one of his letters, written in July, about 1595 or 1596, told him, that he even env'y'd him ; for, sending him a piece of venison, he gave his commendations to Mrs. Hickes ; in whom, as he added,

added, *I envy your good fortune, but rest for all that, your loving friend, Robert C.*

He should have been knighted at the coronation of King James I. (when great numbers of gentlemen were) as I conclude from a postscript of a letter to him, from his friend the secretary, in these words, *At the coronation I will have you knighted.* But he refus'd it then, as appears by another letter from his said friend, wrote in September, beginning; *Good Mr. Hickes, that would not be Sir Michael.* But the next year, it seems, he took the honour; for, in Aug. 1604, I meet with the secretary, giving him the title of Sir Michael.

By this lady aforesaid, Sir Michael had issue, beside William, his eldest son, and Michael, a daughter, Elizabeth, so named, from Elizabeth, countess of Darby, one of her godmothers, (the other being the countess of Warwick) married to Sir William Armine, of Osgodby, in com. Linc. Bart.

He deceased at his house, at Ruckholts, A.D. 1612, aged sixty-five years, and was buried in the old chancel of the parish-church of Low-Layton, in Essex, where was erected, by his widow, a graceful and costly monument, with two arches against the east-wall, extending the full length thereof. Which monument, when the new chancel was built, was taken down, and set up against the south-wall, where it now stands: the figures in stone, both of him, and the lady Elizabeth, his wife, lying in full proportion: he, in the habit of a knight; she, with a mourning veil, leaning their heads on their hands; over him, is this inscription (a):

In obitum Clarif. Viri D. Michaelis Hickes
Equis aurati, &c.

Quæ volui in vita vidi, dulcissima nuper
Pignora, Confortem charam, sortemq; beatæ
Proles: Erant nati gemini nata una Parenti
Optabam Christum: hinc morti succumbo, labensq;
Confortem, sortem, natos natamq; relinquo.

Obiit decimo quinto Die Augusti,
Anno Dom. 1612. Ætatis 65.

Under the other arch, over the lady Hickes, these verses,

Ut tua mors viduam fecit; tu jam viduatus
Connubium Christi, (non viduandus) habes.
At junctam hoc tumulo me sponsam rursus habebis
Sic tua semper ero, quæ tua nuper eram.

She was buried the 14th of Feb. Anno Dom. 1634.

William, eldest son and heir of Sir Michael, was so named from the lord treasurer, his father's old master, (William, lord Burghley)

(a) Stow's Survey, vol. II. appendix, p. 116.

ley) who, in esteem for the father, gave his own name, William, to the son, being godfather, and present at the baptism, at Sir Michael's London house, on St. Peter's-hill (which still belongs to this family.) His other godfather was, the lord Cobham, lord warden of the cinque-ports, and lord chamberlain : and his god-mother, the lady Lumley.

And as Sir Michael, had a good education himself, so, esteeming learning a suitable ornament to honour, he bred up William, his son to it ; who, having acquired a competent knowledge of school learning, was sent by his father to the university of Cambridge, and admitted into the same college, whereof his father was once a member. Succeeding to his inheritance, he was created a baronet, on the 21st of July, 17 Jac. I. being written of Beverston, in com. Gloucest. tho' he chose Ruckholts still, for his usual mansion, which his descendants for some time resided at. In the difficult times of the civil wars, he was always true to the royal cause, and the church of England, on which account, he was watch'd by some of his neighbours that favour'd the other side : but by his caution, he preserv'd himself pretty clear of trouble, till the siege of Colchester ; when he, with several other loyalists of the county of Essex, privy to, and concerned in, that business, were kept in prison about six weeks ; and for farther punishment, his ancient grove adjacent to his house, which was very dear to him, was determin'd, by those that then govern'd, to be cut down for timber to supply the navy, lying so near and convenient for the ship-yards ; but by the means and intercession of his friend, the earl of Holland, he at last obtain'd the favour to let it stand : which grove, Sir Harry, finding the trees decaying at the tops, thought fit to fell, and the seat was sold about the year 1720, to Benjamin Collier, Esq; who sold it to earl Tilney, whose son, lord viscount Castlemain, is the present owner of it.

This Sir William, married Margaret, one of the daughters of William, lord Paget, of Beaudefert ; by whom he had issue, Baptist, Elizabeth, Sir William, Letitia, married to Arthur, earl of Donnegal, in the kingdom of Ireland, Catherine, Francis, Sir Michael, and Elizabeth, whereof only three surviv'd. He died at his seat, at Ruckholts, and was buried honourably, according to his quality, with heralds attending his hearse to the parish-church, where he was interr'd, the 22d day of October, 1680, aged eighty-four.

Sir William Hickes's second son, surviving, was Sir Michael Hicks, Knt. who married Susan, youngest daughter to Sir Richard How, Knt. some time sheriff and alderman of London, and widow of Samuel Beaumont-Everard, of the Middle-temple, Esq; by whom he had ten children, but two only surviv'd, viz. How Hicks,

Hicks, Efq; and Alice, married to William Somerford, in com. Wilts, Efq;

Sir William Hickes, Knt. and Bart. (fon and heir of Sir William,) receiving a univerfity education alfo, in Trinity-college, lived many years, in honour and reputation, at his ancient feat of Ruckholts; was fheriff of the county of Effex, and ferv'd that office with much credit and fplendor, the lord chief-juftice Vaughan, and Sir Job Charleton, then judges of the affize, at Chelmsford: he was knighted by King Charles II. at Ruckholts, and fo was his younger brother, Michael, (but at feveral times) when their father, Sir William, entertain'd his majesty at dinner, after hunting in the foreft. This Sir William, at a great expence, cafed his feat at Ruckholts, with brick, much improving and beautifying it. He died, April 22, 1703, aged feventy-three years, having married Marthagnes, eldeft daughter and coheir to Sir Harry Coningsby, of North-Mims, in Hertfordfhire, Knt.

Againft the north-wall of the new chancel of the parifh-church of Low-Layton, oppofite to the fepulchral monument of Sir Michael Hicks, and Elizabeth, his lady, is a ftately monument erected by the fecond Sir William Hicks, in his life-time, for his father, himfelf, and lady; fhewing three figures, in full proportion, that is, the faid Sir William, and his lady, ftanding up on each fide, and between them, Sir William Hicks, Bart. the father, lying along, leaning with his left arm upon a cushion, a truncheon in his right hand, as lieutenant of the foreft: all artificially inculp'd, with thefe infcriptions following, above them, thus:

S.

H. M. Pie uti par eft Memoriis dicator,
D. Gulielmi Hickes, Barti. Filii unici ex Elizabethâ
Colftonorum ftemmate prognata, Michaelis Hickes
Equitis aurati, viri probi ac prudentis, D. Gulielmo
Baroni Burghlæo fummo Angliæ Thefaurario quon-
dam à fecretis qui VII. Idus Octobris, Anno Do-
mini MDCLXXX. obiit, cum octogeffimum quar-
tum compleffet Annum.

And under him, this (a):

Sir William Hickes, Bart. Lieutenant of the Foreft of Waltham, one of the Deputy-lieutenants of the County of Effex, and an ancient Juftice of the Peace for the faid County, who for his Loyalty to King Charles I. in the great Rebellion, underwent much Trouble and Danger. Married Margaret, eldeft Daughter of William, lord Paget, of Beaufdefert, by whom he had Ifſue, befides others that died young, Sir Wm. Hickes, Knt. and Bart. Sir Michael Hickes, Knt. and Dame Lætitia, match'd to Arthur, Earl

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(a) Stow's ſurvey, vol. II. appen. p. 116.

of Donegal, in Ireland. The said William, dying full of Days and Honor, was buried with a Decency due to his Quality, and lieth in the old Chancel, having lived 28 Years after the Decease of his Lady, who dying at Westminster, was interr'd in the Abby-Church there.

D. Gulielmi Hickes, Equitis aurati & Baronetti præfati D. Gulielmi Filii natu maximi et Hæredis. Qui postquam Vicecomitis Essexien. munus splendide ac fideliter obiisset, Ecclesiæ, Patriæ, Principi suis constanter studuisset, annos LXXIII. plus minus honorabiliter vixisset, die Aprilis 22, Anno Dom. MDCCIII. Fato cessit.

For her:

D. deniq; Marthagnetes D. Gulielmi Hickes Conjugis lectissimæ juxta ac piissimæ D. Harrei Conysby, de North-Mimms, in Comitatu Hertfordien. Equitis aurati ex antiqua Conysbæorum in Comitatu Hertfordien. Prosapia oriundi Filiz, natu maximæ. Et quæ numerosam suscepit prolem, Octo scil. natos natusq; quinque e quibus Harreius, & Carolus, Maria & Margareta adhuc supersunt; illa degens annum suæ Ætatis— Anno Domini— ad superos evasit.

This second Sir William, had a numerous issue by his said lady, Marthagnes, viz. Mary, Sir Harry, Michael, Margaret, William, Robert, John, Michael, Elizabeth, Charles, and some others; whereof four surviv'd, viz. two sons; Sir Harry, and Charles, who was of the Wild, in Hertfordshire, but now of Kensington, in Middlesex, who married — daughter of — Coningsby, Esq; and hath one son, John, and one daughter. Of Sir William's two daughters, Mary, was wife to James Darcy, of Sedburgh, in the county of York, Esq; and Margaret, wife to Anthony Wharton, of Gillingwood, in the same county, Esq;

Sir Harry Hickes, eldest son and heir, succeeded his father in title and estate, and is the present baronet. He married first, Elizabeth, daughter to Sir John Holmes, Knt. (brother to Sir Robert,) some time admiral of the royal navy; by whom he had issue, one son, Harry, now heir apparent, and two daughters that died unmarried. The said Elizabeth, his first wife, deceasing, 1705, was buried in the church-yard of Low-Layton in Essex, having the following inscription over her (a):

Hic inferius jacent Reliquiæ Dnæ. Elizabethæ Hickes, Conjugis Harreii Hickes, Baronetti, quæ obiit Januarii 14^o. Anno Dni 1705, Ætatis suæ 29^o.

Fæmina

(a) Le Neve's Mon. Ang. vol. V. p. 209.

Fæmina Venuſtate ac Moribus,
 Et quod magis eſt,
 Virtute et Pietate ornatiffima,
 Fidelitate et Amore Marito conjunctiffima;
 Cui Filium unum et duas Filias peperit.
 Cognatis ſuis blanda,
 Pauperibus benefica,
 Egrotis Medica,
 Amicis Fida,
 Comis omnibus,
 Morbum Diuturnum,
 Et Dolores graviffimos patientèr tulit,
 Solo nixa Deo,
 Qui eam,
 Quoniàm dignus illâ non erat Mundus,
 In cælum recepit.
 Si charitas non moritur, æternum vivet.
 P.M.M.P.A.Æ.

Sir Harry, afterwards married, Barbara, the daughter of Joſeph Johnſon, of Walthamſtow, in Eſſex, Gent. by whom he hath had iſſue, Robert, Ardina, Martha, and Elizabeth.

ARMS: Gules, a Feſs, wavy, between three Flower-de-lis,
 Or.

CREST: On a Wreath, a Buck's Head, coup'd at the Shoul-
 ders, Or, gorg'd with a chaplet of Roſes, Gules.

SEAT: At *Beverſton*, in *Glouceſterſhire*.

38. DRYDEN, of Canon's-Aſhby, North- hamptonſhire.

(ERASMUS, ESQUIRE,)

Created BARONET, Nov. 16, 1619.

OF this family, the firſt we find mentioned was (a), William Driden, or Dreyden, whoſe grandſon, John Dryden, or Dreyden (for ſo his name (b) is ſometimes written) (c) was the eldeſt ſon of David Dryden, Eſq; by Iſabel, the daughter and heir of William Nicholſon, of Staſſe-hill, in the county of Cumberland. (d) Anthony Wood, ſays, ' he was by profeſſion, a ſchool-maſter, and being learned, and well ac-
 ' quainted with Eraſmus, of Rotterdam, that perſon was god-
 ' father

(a) Le Neve's MSS, vol. I, p. 113.
 cent's Viſit. of Northamp. MS. Harl.

(b) Bridges's Northamp. p. 146.

(c) Vin-

(d) Ath. Ox. vol. I, ſiſti, p. 115. edit. 1721.

‘ father to one of his sons ; which is the reason why that christian name descends among the family of the Dreydens, in that county ; some of whom, says he, have gloried in it in my hearing.’ But the learned antiquary must have been misinformed in this account. Erasmus, of Rotterdam, died in 1536, how then could he be godfather to Erasmus, the son of John Dryden, (a) who was not born till near twenty years after, and as we learn from (b) Mr. Wood himself, took his degree of bachelor of arts, in Oxford, on the 17th of June, 1577. Erasmus Dryden, was named after Erasmus, the eldest son of Sir John Cope, his mother’s brother, who might possibly have his name from the famous Erasmus, of Rotterdam. The story of his profession, is no less improbable. For, as first it does not appear, that there ever was a school at Ashby-Canons, so neither is it likely, that Sir John Cope, would have married his daughter to a person in low circumstances ; and that she was married before his decease, is evident from the inquisition taken upon Mr. Dryden’s death, in the twenty-seventh year of Queen Elizabeth (c) ; for we learn from thence, that Erasmus, his eldest son by this marriage, was, at that time, one and thirty years old, and consequently must have been born some three or four years before Sir John Cope, died.

By Elizabeth, his wife, daughter of Sir John Cope, Knt. (and Bridget his wife, daughter of Edward Raleigh, of Farnbro’, in com. Warw. Esq; and Anne, his wife, daughter of Sir William Chamberlain, Knt.) (d) Mr. Dryden left issue, five sons and four daughters. (e) He died the 30th of September, 1584, and was succeeded in his estate by Erasmus, his eldest son. The preamble to his will, being somewhat extraordinary, we shall here insert it in his own words (f) :

‘ I, John Dryden, of Ashbye, in the countie of Northton. gentleman, doe make and ordeyne my last will and testament, in manner and forme folloinge : First, I bequeathe my soul to Almighty God, my creator, by the merits of whose sonne, Jesus Christ, my onely saviour and redeemer, I doe believe to be saved, the Holye Ghost assuring my spirite that I am the elect of God ; my body to be buried in the churche of Ashbie, aforesaid, near unto the place, where Sir John Cope, is burried. And althoughe I doe not allow of pompe in burials, yett, for some reasonable considerations, I will, that the stone that I have allredy prepared, shall be layde upon my grave, and my armes and my wyves graven in brasse thereupon. Notwithstanding, yf God call for mee farther distant from Ashbye, then that yt be thought necessarye to my executors to bring me thither, I

‘ refer

(a) Esch. anno 27 Eliz. n. 54. p. 2. (b) Athen. Ox. vol. I. fasti, p. 115. (c) Esch. anno 27 Eliz. n. 54. p. 2. (d) Le Neve’s MSS. vol. I. p. 113. (e) Ibid. (f) Regist. vocat. Watton, in cur. prerog. Cant.

‘ refer that to their discreffions, and foe doe I the place of my buriall, whether in the place aforefayde, or in the church-yard, or elfewhere in the church.’

Then he bequeaths to George Dryden, John, Thomas, and Nicholas, his fons, with Elizabeth, Bridget, and Emma, his daughters, two thoufand four hundred pounds, to be divided equally among them, when they come to age, and charges them, that they be advis’d and counsell’d, in their marriages, by their mother, and eldeft brother, Erasmus Dryden, his fon and heir, whom he alfo charges to have a fpecial regard and care thereto. On his nephew, David Dryden, he beftows ten pounds, hoping he will endeavour to benefit in learning fuch of his fons that fhall be fent to Oxford, and defires his executors to bring up his fons and daughters, in learning, and good exercifes. He bequeaths to Mary Foxeley, his daughter, and her children, a neft of filver tun cups; alfo to John Dryden, (fon to Erasmus, his eldeft fon) a great gilt falt, and to Francis, and Elizabeth, his fifters, a tun cup of filver; to George, his fon, he gives all his lands in Adfton; and to all other fons aforementioned, annuities, out of Afhby, of ten pounds per ann. during their lives, to begin immediately after his deceafe, over and above what he had before bequeath’d. The reft of all his goods, &c. he gives to Erasmus, his eldeft fon, whom he conftitutes his executor, with Francis Foxeley, Gent. his fon-in-law, and Thomas Emely, of Helmeden, Efq.

These legacies fhew, that Mr. Dryden, muft have been a man of fubftance himfelf, independent of the fortune brought him by his lady. (a) The bulk of Sir John Cope’s eftate defcended to Edward, his grandfon (b), who, in the third year of Charles I. died feized of the fite of the monaftery, and a large fhare of the monks poffeffions in Afhby, which he left to Erasmus, his fon and fucceffor. Sir John Cope, had no eftate in Adfton, and yet, Mr. Dryden (c), died feized of one hundred and twenty acres of arable land there, fixty acres of meadow, one hundred acres of pafture, ten acres of wood, and forty acres of heath, befides meffuages, tofts, dove-coats, gardens, and orchards, all which, as we have feen, he left to one of his younger fons.

On the right hand of the entrance into the vault, in Canons-Afhby church, lies a broad flat ftone, with the arms of Dryden, and Cope, engraven on a brafs plate, and below, on another brafs plate, the figure of an old man, in the habit of Queen Elizabeth’s time, ftanding upright, with his hands join’d together, in the pofture of a fupplicant, but without any infcription (d). This is the tomb-ftone of John Dryden, Efq; the firft of the family, who had

(a) Efc. anno 4 & 5 Phil. & Mar. n. 926. p. 1. (b) Efc. anno 3 Car. n. 99. p. 2.
(c) Efc. anno 27 Eliz. n. 54. p. 2. (d) Bridges’s Northamptonfhire, p. 151.

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had possessions in this lordship, by his marriage with the daughter of Sir John Cope.

Erasmus Dryden, Esq; his successor, took his degree of bachelor of arts, in the university of Oxford, on the 17th of June, 1577, (a) levied a fine of this manor, upon his father's decease, and was made sheriff of Northampton, in the fortieth year of Queen Elizabeth, as also in the seventeenth of King James I. in whose reign, he was advanced to the dignity of a baronet, by letters patents, bearing date the 16th of November, 1619. He took to wife Frances, the second daughter and coheir of William Wilkes, Esq; of Hodnel, in Warwickshire, by whom he left issue three sons; 1. Sir John Dryden, his successor in the title and estate of Canons-Ashby, of whom hereafter. 2. William Dryden, of Farndon, in com. Northton, Esq; who had two wives; by the first, a daughter of — Cave, of Leicestershire, Esq; he had Sir John, hereafter mentioned; but by his second, I don't find he left any issue; he died at Farndon, and was there buried. And, 3. Erasmus Dryden, of Tichmarsh, in com. Northton, Esq; who married Mary, daughter of John Pickering, D. D. rector of Aldwinckle, by whom he had four sons and ten daughters; 1. John, the poet-laureat, of whom hereafter: 2. Sir Erasmus, who succeeded his nephew, as hereafter will be shewn: 3. Henry, who died at Jamaica, but left a son, Richard, living 1708: 4. James, who married Elizabeth, daughter of — Dunch, of London, merchant, and dying 1694, was buried at St. Dunstan's in the east, and left issue two daughters: Of the daughters of Erasmus, of Tichmarsh, Agnes, married Silvester Ernelyn (or Emelyn) of Stamford, in com. Linc. Gent. Rose, was wife to — Loughton, D. D. of Catworth, in com. Huntingdon: Lucy, married Stephen Umwell, of London, merchant: Martha, to — Bletso, of Northampton, Gent. and Frances, the youngest, became the wife of Mr. Joseph Sandwell, of London, merchant; she died, aged near ninety, Oct. 10, 1736. The three daughters of Sir Erasmus, were, 1. Susan, married to Sir John Pickering, of Tichmarsh, in com. Northton, Knt. 2. Mary, the wife of Sir Edward Harropp, of Freathby, in com. Leicest. Bart. and the youngest, married — Salway, of Stanford, in Worcestershire, Esq; Sir Erasmus, lies buried in Canons-Ashby church, where on the left hand, is a broad flat stone, with the following inscription on a plate of brass:

Here lyeth interred the Bodyes of Sir Erasmus Dryden, Baronet, who deceased 22 of Maye, Anno Dom. MDCXXXII. and of Dame Frances, his Wife, who deceased 16 of Feb. MDCXXX.

(a) Rot. fin. anno 27 & 28 Eliz. MS. Hatton,

Sir John Dryden, Bart. eldest son, and successor to the title and estate, was sheriff of Northamptonshire, in 1634, 10 Car. I. and chosen knight of the shire, in 1640, 16 Car. I. He died in 1664, having had three wives; 1. Priscilla, daughter of James Quarles, of Rumford, in Essex, Esq; clerk of the greencloth to Queen Elizabeth, and sister to Sir Robert Quarles, of Rumford, Knt. 2. Anne, daughter of Henry Parvis, of Ruckholts, in Low-Layton, in Essex, Esq; by neither of which had he any issue; but by his third wife, Honor, daughter of Sir Robert Beville, of Chesterton, in Huntingdonshire, Knt. (by Mary, his wife, daughter and heir of — Coles, of Preston, in com. Northton, Esq;) left issue six sons; 1. Sir Robert Dryden, of Canons-Ashby, his successor in the title and estate; 2. John Dryden, Esq; of Chesterton, who was several times chosen member of parliament for the county of Huntingdon, in the reign of King William, and died unmarried, in Jan. 1707.

By his will, dated 1 Jan. 1707, he left his sister, Honor Dryden, and his nephew, Robert Pigot, of Chetwynd, in com. Salop, Esq; and his brother, Erasmus Dryden, executors, and order'd his body to be buried in Chesterton-church, with an inscription on his tomb; gives his manor of Chesterton, to Erasmus, his brother, for life, and Rabbom-manor, in Warwickshire, to his nephew, Robert Pigot, and to his issue male, and also the priory of St. Ives, and Wygen farm, in com. Hunt. Papworth-Agnes, com. Hunt. and Cantab. Pealing and Toddsland manors; in com. Hunt. and after, to his nephew, Dryden Pigot, and his heirs male, and after, to his nephew, John Sneyd, of Keel, in Staff. and to his heirs male, and after to his cousin, William Dryden, of Preston, in com. Northton. and to his heirs male; and after, to cousin Edward Dryden, of King-street, Westminster, and to his heirs male; and after to Charles Dryden, his cousin, and to his heirs male; and after to John Dryden, son of cousin Dryden, of Fleet-street. Gives to his niece, the lady Scrimshire, 100 guineas; to her second son, 500l. to her daughter, Sneyd, 500l. to his nephew, Dryden Pigot, 500l. to his nephew, John Sneyd, 1000l. to cousin Erasmus Dryden, 100 guineas; to cousin Charles Dryden, 500l. to cousin Edward Dryden, of King-street, Westminster, 1000l. to cousin Shaw, 200 guineas; to cousin Martin, 200 guineas; to cousin Elizabeth Dryden, of King-street, Westminster, 200l. to Anne Pigot, his niece, 2000l. and to John Dryden, son of Edward, his godson, 1000l. He lies buried in the church at Chesterton, with this inscription over him:

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Johannis Dryden, Arm. F. natu secundi,
 Johannis Dryden, de Canons-Ashby,
 In Agro Northampton. Barti. ex Honorâ,
 F. & Cohærede, e tribus unâ,
 Robti Beville, Equitis aurati.
 Unde sortem maternam, in hac viciniâ
 De Chesterton & Haddon, adeptus prædia
 Dein latè per Comitatum
 Huntingdon' adjecit.
 Nec sui profusus, nec alieni appetens :
 A Sitibus ipse abhorrens,
 Et qui aliorum lites æquissimo sæpe
 Arbitrio diremit. Vivus, adeo amicitiam
 Fucatam coluit minimè,
 Et publicam Patriæ salutem asseruit strenuè,
 Ut illa vicissim cum summis, quibus potuit,
 Honoribus cumularet,
 Lubens sæpiusque Senatorem voluerit.
 Vel moriens,
 Honorum atq; Beneficiorum non immemor,
 Maximè vero religiosæ Charitatis intuitu,
 Largam sui Censui partem,
 Librum ad Valorem XVI. Millium, plus minus,
 Vel in locis ubi res & commercium,
 Vel inter Familiæres, quibus necessitudo
 Cum eo vivo intercesserat,
 Erogavit.
 Marmor hoc, Nepos & Hæres Viri multum
 Defiderati Robtus Pigot, Arm. P.
 Obiit Cælebs in Non' Jan' Anno Dom.
 MDCCVII. Ætat. LXXII.

The third son of Sir John, was, Erasmus Dryden, who lived a batchelor, at Canons-Ashby ; 4. Richard Dryden, who died unmarried, in the twenty-fourth year of his age ; 5. Beville, died unmarried, and was buried at St. Brides, in Fleet-street ; 6. Benjamin, a citizen of London, who married an old woman, and died without issue. These brothers are said to have enter'd into an agreement with one another, to spend their days in celibacy. Sir John Dryden, had also four daughters, whereof, Elizabeth, died young ; Honor, died unmarried ; Frances, married Ralph Sneyd, Esq; eldest son of William Sneyd, of Keel-hall, in Staffordshire, Esq; and Anne, became the wife of Walter Pigot, of Chetwynd, in Shropshire, Esq; father of Robert Pigot, Esq; knight of the shire for Huntingdon, who now possesses the Chesterton estate, &c. and who has lately new paved and pew'd the church, at Chesterton, and gave a new pulpit and altar-piece, and glaz'd the windows throughout, in a neat and elegant manner.

(a) In the altar, are two Dryden, of G. John Dryden, Northampton

ner, at the expence of several hundred pound ; as formerly he new built the church, at Chetwynd, where he lives.

Sir Robert Dryden, Bart. the eldest son and heir of Sir John, out-lived all his brethren, died unmarried, about seventy-six years of age, and was buried in the church of Canons-Ashby, on the 30th of August, 1708, where is this inscription, in the midst of the south isle, upon a monument of freestone, under the arms of Dryden :

Sacred to the Memory
Of Sir Robert Dryden,
Barronett,
Who departed this Life, August
the 19th, 1708, Ætat. suæ 76.

He left his estate at Canons-Ashby, to Edward Dryden, the only son of Sir Erasmus, the second son of Erasmus Dryden, of Tichmarsh ; but the title of baronet devolv'd on Sir John Dryden, the son and heir of William Dryden, of Farndon, the second son of Sir Erasmus Dryden, Bart. beforementioned, and elder brother to the said Erasmus Dryden, of Tichmarsh, Esq;

Which Sir John Dryden, Bart. married Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. Luck, of Northamptonshire ; and had issue one son, John, killed in his father's life-time, by a fall from his horse ; and two daughters, Honor, the wife of Mr. Joseph Bateman, a surgeon, in London, and Elizabeth, who died unmarried. Upon his decease (a), the title came to Sir Erasmus-Henry, the third son of John, (the poet-laureat) who was the eldest son of Erasmus Dryden, of Tichmarsh, Esq; beforementioned, by Mary, his wife, daughter of Dr. Pickering.

But to proceed to the eldest of the sons of the said Erasmus Dryden, of Tichmarsh, Esq; beforementioned, which was, John Dryden, Esq; poet-laureat, and historiographer to King James II. (which places he lost, on the revolution.) He was born at Aldwinkle, in the county of Northampton, brought up at Westminster school, and thence elected scholar of Trinity-college, in Cambridge, in 1650. He wrote twenty-seven plays, and many other poetical performances. His dramatick works have been publish'd by Mr. Congreve, and dedicated to his grace, the present duke of Newcastle: who, in his dedication, tells us, ' That Mr. Dryden, ' had personal qualities to challenge both love and esteem from all ' who were truly acquainted with him. He was of a nature exceeding humane and compassionate, easily forgiving injuries; ' and

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(a) In the chancel of Woodford-church, in Northamptonshire, within the rails of the altar, are two tomb-stones without any inscription upon 'em ; under the one, lies Mr. Dryden, of Great-Preston, who died about twelve years ago ; and under the other, Sir John Dryden, who had the title, but not the estate, buried about ten years ago. Bridges's Northamptonshire, p. 142.

' and capable of a prompt and sincere reconciliation with them
 ' who had offended him. Such temperament is the only solid
 ' foundation of all moral virtues and sociable endowments. His
 ' friendship, where he professed it, went much beyond his pro-
 ' fessions; and I have been told of strong and generous instances
 ' of it by persons themselves, who received them; tho' his here-
 ' ditary income was little more than a bare competency. As his
 ' reading had been very extensive, so was he very happy in a me-
 ' mory tenacious of every thing that he had read. He was not
 ' more possessed of knowledge, than he was communicative of it.
 ' But then his communication of it was by no means pedantic,
 ' or imposed upon the conversation, but just such, and went so
 ' far, as by the natural turns of the discourse, in which he was
 ' engaged, it was necessarily promoted or required. He was ex-
 ' treme ready and gentle in his correction of the errors of any
 ' writer, who thought fit to consult him; and full as ready and
 ' patient to admit of the reprehension of others, in respect of his
 ' own oversight or mistakes. He was of very easy, I may say,
 ' of very pleasing access. But something slow, and as it were
 ' diffident in his advances to others. He had something in his
 ' nature that abhorred intrusion into any society whatsoever.
 ' Indeed it is to be regretted, that he was rather blameable in the
 ' other extremity; for by that means he was personally less known,
 ' and consequently his character might become liable both to mis-
 ' apprehensions and misrepresentations. To the best of my
 ' knowledge and observation, he was, of all men that ever I
 ' knew, one of the most modest, and the most easily to be dis-
 ' countenanced in his approaches either to his superiors or his e-
 ' quals.—As to his writings, I may venture to say in general
 ' terms, that no man hath written in our language so much,
 ' and so various matter, and in so various manners, so well.
 ' Another thing I may say, was very peculiar to him; which is,
 ' that his parts did not decline with his years; but that he was
 ' an improving writer to the last, even to near seventy years of
 ' age; improving even in fire and imagination, as well as in
 ' judgment. Witness his ode on St. Cecilia's day, and his fables,
 ' his latest performances. He was equally excellent in verse and
 ' prose. His prose had all the clearness imaginable, together
 ' with all the nobleness of expression, all the graces and orna-
 ' ments proper and peculiar to it, without deviating into the lan-
 ' guage or diction of poetry. I make this observation only to dis-
 ' tinguish his style from that of many poetical writers, who,
 ' meaning to write harmoniously in prose, do in truth often write
 ' mere blank verse. I have heard him frequently own with plea-
 ' sure, that if he had any talent for English prose, it was owing
 ' to his having often read the writings of the great archbishop

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‘ Tillotson. His versification and his numbers he could learn of nobody; for he first possessed those talents in perfection in our tongue. And they who have best succeeded in them since his time, have been indebted to his example; and the more they have been able to imitate him, the better have they succeeded. As his style in prose is always specifically different from his style in poetry; so on the other hand, in his poems his diction is, wherever his subject requires it, so sublimely, and so truly poetical, that its essence, like that of pure gold, cannot be destroyed. Take his verses, and divest them of their rhimes, disjoint them in their numbers, transpose their expressions, make what arrangement and disposition you please of his words; yet shall there eternally be poetry, and something which will be found incapable of being resolved into absolute prose: an incontestable characteristick of a truly poetical genius. I will say but one word more in general, of his writings, which is, that what he had done in any one species or distinct kind, would have been sufficient to have acquir’d him a great name. If he had written nothing but his prefaces, or nothing but his songs, or his prologues, each of them would have entitled him to the preference and distinction of excelling in his kind.’

He married Elizabeth, eldest daughter of the right honourable Thomas Howard, earl of Berkshire, and dying, May 1, 1701, was buried in Westminster-abbey, where, his grace the late duke of Buckingham, out of his great liberality, and peculiar esteem for Mr. Dryden’s merit, order’d a noble and sumptuous monument to be erected to his memory.

Mr. Dryden, had no monument erected to him for several years; which Mr. Pope alludes to, in his epitaph intended for Mr. Rowe, where he says (a),

Beneath a rude and nameless stone he lies.

In the note upon which verse, he tells us, that ‘ the tomb of Mr. Dryden, was erected upon this hint, by the duke of Buckingham, to which was originally intended this epitaph:

‘ This Sheffield rais’d. The sacred Dust below

‘ Was Dryden once; the rest who does not know?

‘ Which the author since changed into the plain inscription on it, being only the name of that great poet:

‘ J. Dryden,

‘ Natus Aug. 9, 1631,

‘ Mortuus Maii 1, 1701.

‘ Johannes Sheffield, Dux Buckinghamiensis, fecit.

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(a) The works of Alexander Pope, Esq; vol. II. p. 166. edit. London. 1735, in 2mo.

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He left three sons; Charles, the eldest of them, brought up at Trinity-college, in Cambridge, had a genius for poetry, as appears by a copy of his verses, printed before the earl of Roscommon's essay on translated verse, and might have done great things, if he had not been unfortunately drown'd at Datchet-ferry, near Windsor. John, the second, went to Rome, and was entertain'd by the pope, as gentleman of his bedchamber. He likewise, turn'd his thoughts to poetry, and wrote one play, *The Husband his own Cuckold*. He died at Rome, of a pleuritick fever, and was honourably interr'd there by the pope's command (a).

Sir Erasmus-Henry, brother to the said Charles, and John, succeeded to the title of baronet, on the death of Sir John Dryden, Bart. beforementioned, his cousin; but dying unmarried, he was buried at Canons-Ashby, in 1711, and the honour devolv'd on Sir Erasmus Dryden, Bart. his uncle, the second son of Erasmus Dryden, of Tichmarsh, Esq; beforementioned.

This Sir Erasmus Dryden, Bart. was of King-street, Westminster; but upon the death of Sir Robert Dryden, Bart. who had left a good estate to his only son, Edward, he went and liv'd at Canons-Ashby. He married Elizabeth, the daughter of Mr. Edward Martyn, of the city of Westminster, by whom he had one son, Edward, and two daughters; Elizabeth, the wife of Richard Martyn, D.D. prebendary of Westminster, and Mary, the wife of John Shaw, of the board of green-cloth, Esq;

Edward, his only son, was possessed of the estate of Canons-Ashby, by the gift of his cousin, Sir Robert Dryden, Bart. and died a year before his father, on the 3d of November, 1717. He married Elizabeth, the daughter of Mr. Allen, son of Sir Thomas Allen, Knt. a Turkey merchant, in London, by whom he had issue five sons; Sir John Dryden, successor to his grandfather; Robert, Erasmus, Edward, and Beville; and three daughters; Elizabeth, Mary, and Anne. In the family-vault, in Canons-Ashby, are two leaden coffins, with the bodies of the late Sir Erasmus Dryden, Bart. and his only son, Edward Dryden, Esq; the first died, Nov. 3, 1718, aged eighty-two; and the other, Nov. 3, 1717, aged forty-nine. Upon repairing the chapel, and altering the vault, there were found several leaden coffins, which, having no inscription, were reburied, and are not now to be seen.

Which Sir John Dryden, the present baronet, hath married two wives; 1. Frances, daughter and heir of Thomas Ingram,

(a) Charles, was usher of the palace to pope Clement XI. and upon his return to England, left his brother John, to officiate in his room, and was drown'd in swimming cross the Thames, near Windsor, in 1704. He wrote several pieces, and translated the sixth satyr of Juvenal; his brother, John, translated the fourteenth satyr of Juvenal, and was author of a comedy, intitled, *The Husband his own Cuckold*, printed 1696, at London. He died at Rome, not many months after his father. General Dictionary, in folio, vol. IV. p. 684.

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of Barraby, in Yorkshire, Esq; by whom he had no issue: 2. Elizabeth, daughter of John Roper, of Berkhamstead, in Hertfordshire, Esq; by whom he hath, as yet, no issue.

ARMS: Azure, a Lyon rampant, and in Chief, a Sphere between two Etoiles, Or.

CREST: On a Wreath, a Demi-Lion, sustaining in his right Paw, a Sphere, as in the Arms.

SEAT: At *Canons-Ashby*, in *Northamptonshire*; where, says Mr. Bridges, (in his history of Northamptonshire,) is one room of thirty foot long, upon twenty foot wide, which is reported to be entirely floor'd and wainscotted with the timber of a single oak, which grew in that lordship.

39. HARTOPP, of Freathby, Leicestershire.

(EDWARD, ESQUIRE,)

Created BARONET, Dec. 3, 1619.

THE first mentioned of this family (*a*), is Ralph Hartopp, living in the reign of King Richard II. A. D. 1377, who, by his wife, a daughter of Alexander Mayne, had issue (*b*) two sons, and five daughters, whereof, Alexander Hartopp, died without issue, and his brother, John, by marriage with Margaret, daughter of Thomas Bridgeman, had issue, Henry, who had to wife, Barbara, daughter of Rauf Fitz-Randall, from whom proceeded, John Hartopp, of Burton-Lazers, in com. Leicest. who wedded Jane, daughter of William Englebeard, or Englebert, and had a son, named Richard, who, by his wife, daughter to Ralph Chamberlain, had issue, Thomas Hartopp, who married Ellen, daughter to John Allen, and left two sons.

Valentine, his second son, (by Anne, his wife, daughter and heir of William Goodman,) was father of Sir William Hartopp, of Burton-Lazers, knighted at Ashby de la Zouch, the 2d of Sept. 1617; and dying, A. D. 1622, left issue, Thomas, his son and heir, born in the year 1600, who was likewise a knight; and marrying Dorothy, daughter of Sir Thomas Bendish, of Steeple-Bumsted, in Essex, Bart. had two daughters, Dorothy, and Mary, also four sons, viz. 1. William, who was knighted, and taking to wife, Agnes, daughter of Sir Martin Lister, left two sons, viz. Thomas Hartopp, Esq; (who left a son, Chiverton Hartopp, of

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(*a*) Visit. de com, Leicest, A. D. 1619.
Hartopp, Bar.

(*b*) Ex stemmate penes Dom. Joh.

Woodhouse, in com. Leicest. Esq; late high sheriff of the county, and several daughters) and Martin Hartopp, doctor of physick; also four daughters; whereof, Dorothy, married William Younge, of Shropshire, Esq; and Agnes, the right rev. William Talbot, the late bishop of Sarum, and Durham;) 2. Edward; 3. Thomas; 4. John: of whom, Thomas, rais'd a fair fortune, was one of the aldermen of the city of London, and marrying (Aug. 4. 1674) Elizabeth, second daughter of Mr. John Buckworth, merchant, left one son, Peter Hartopp, living (1718) of Walthamstow, in Essex, Turkey-merchant, and several daughters. I now return to,

William Hartopp, Esq; (eldest brother of the aforesaid Valentine) who took to wife, Eleanor, daughter and heir of — Adcock, and had a numerous issue, of which, Anne (*a*), married Sir Francis South, of Kelsterne, in com. Linc. Knt. Thomas, his eldest son, died unmarried; but Edward, (of whom hereafter) Valentine, and George, (who was of Gray's-Inn) severally left posterity. The said George, married Eleanor, daughter of Thomas Lister, of Coleby, in com. Linc. and left three sons; 1. William, who wedded Dorothy, eldest daughter of Sir Thomas Hartopp, Knt. (by his wife, the daughter of Sir Thomas Bendish, Bart.) and had eight sons, (whereof his eldest, William Hartopp, of Little-Dalby, in com. Leicest. Esq; married Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Hartopp, Esq; alderman of London;) 2. Thomas; 3. George, who settled in Ireland. The said Thomas, (second son of George, and brother of the aforesaid William,) was a gentleman very remarkable for his great strength and courage, of whom 'tis related, that being at Antwerp, in the Low-countries, and seeing a prize-fighting, wherein the combatants did not acquit themselves to the satisfaction of the spectators, he was so offended thereat, that he got upon the stage, and challenging them, encountered no less than five, one after another, whom he entirely disabled, whereby he gain'd a very great applause, and being of comely personage and stature, a lady of quality and fortune, who was present at the fight, fell so much in love with him, that she sent him word, She was at his service if he was dispos'd to marry; and he embracing the offer, settled there, serv'd the king of Spain in his armies, and left a son, Thomas Hartopp, Esq; who was a colonel in the emperor's service, and governor of one of his fortresses.

Edward Hartopp, Esq; (eldest son of William, beforementioned) serv'd, in his youth, under the earl of Leicester, in the Low-countries, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, and after his return, residing at Buckminster, was sheriff of Leicestershire (*b*), in 15

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(*a*) St. George's Visit. of Northton, p. 78.
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(*b*) Burton's Hist. of Leicestershire,

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Jac. I, but possessing likewise a good estate, at Freathby, in the said county, he afterwards lived there, and was advanced to the dignity of a baronet, 17 Jac. I. He was a gentleman much valu'd and esteem'd by his countrymen, who elected him one of the knights of the shire for the county (*a*) afore said, in the reign of King Charles I. and having married Mary, daughter of Sir Erasmus Dryden, of Canons-Ashby, in com. Northton, Bart. departed this life, in the year 1652, leaving issue two sons; Edward, born in the year 1608, who succeeded him, and Richard, who died without issue; also three daughters, Frances, married to Sir Richard Earl, of Scraglethorp, in com. Linc. Bart. Anne, wife to Thomas White, of Cotgrave, in Nottinghamshire, Esq; and Elizabeth, wedded to Mountague Cholmley, of Easton, in the county of Lincoln, Esq;

Sir Edward Hartopp, Bart. eldest son, and successor to the title and estate, married Mary (*b*), daughter of Sir John Cook, of Melburn, in com. Derb. Knt. one of the principal secretaries of state to King Charles I. and had issue one son, Sir John, and a daughter, Mary, married to Smith Fleetwood, of Stoke-Newington, in com. Midd. Esq; This Sir Edward, deceasing in the year 1657, was succeeded in title and estate, by his only son,

Sir John Hartopp, Bart. who was elected one of the knights for Leicestershire, in three parliaments, in the reign of King Charles II. viz. two at Westminster, and his last at Oxford; and taking to wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Charles Fleetwood, of Stoke-Newington afore said, Esq; (who died in Nov. 1711,) had issue by her four sons, and nine daughters, whereof Charles, Edward, and John, the three eldest sons, died in their infancy, and his only surviving son, Sir John, was his successor.

Of the daughters of the late Sir John, two died young; Mary, Elizabeth, Anne, Bridget, and Dorothy, are living and unmarried; Martha, died unmarried, and Frances, wedded Sir Nathaniel Gould, of Stoke-Newington, in com. Middlef. Knt. deceased, leaving issue by him, Mary, married to Sir Francis St. John, of Thorp, in com. Northamp. Bart. deceased; and Elizabeth, married to Thomas Cook, of Stoke-Newington, Esq; late governor of the bank of England.

This Sir John Hartopp, Bart. died, April, 1722, and was succeeded in title and estate, by his only son,

Sir John Hartopp, the present baronet, who married, 1716, Sarah, daughter of Sir Joseph Wolfe, of Hackney, in com. Middlefex, Knt. by whom he hath issue two daughters, Sarah, and Elizabeth.

ARMS:

(*a*) MS. penes Br. Willis, Arm.

(*b*) Dugdale's Visit, Derb. fo. 82.

ARMS: Sable, a Cheveron Ermine, between three Otters, passant, Argent.

CREST: Out of a ducal Coronet, Or, a Pelican, Argent, vul-
ning her self, proper.

SEATS: At *Freathby*, and *Buckminster*, both in *Leicestershire*.

40. M I L L, of Camois-Court, Suffex.

(JOHN, ESQUIRE,)

Created BARONET, December 31, 1619.

THIS family hath, in ancient times, been written *Atte-Mill*, *Atte-Mull*, *Mull*, *Mille*, (*a*) and for many ages down to this time, *Mill*, is of good antiquity and reputation, and have flourished for many generations, in the county of *Suffex*, some of whose descendants likewise, branch'd into the county of *Southampton*, from whom the present Sir *Richard Mill*, Bart. is descended.

But certain it is, that *John Atte-Mill*, was lord of *Gretham*, in com. *Suffex*, 39 *Edward III.* and he had issue two sons, *Robert Atte-Mull*, or *Mille*, of *Guilford*, in *Surry*, who lived temp. *Ric. II.* as appears by several deeds (*b*): he was sheriff of *Suffex* and *Surry* (*c*), 13 *Ric. II.* and died without issue, (leaving his cousin, *Robert*, his heir;) and *Richard Mille*, his brother, which *Richard*, had a son, *John Atte-Mull*, of *Nutborne*, living 8 *Hen. V.* and 12 *Hen. VI.* The said *John Atte-Mull*, had issue, *Robert Mull*, alias *Mille* (*d*), to whom the feoffees of *Robert Mill*, enfeofed the lands in *Gretham*, and *Pulborough*, anno 12 and 26 *Hen. VI.* he had issue two sons; 1. *Richard Mille*, of *Gretham*, aforesaid, living 19 *Edw. IV.* and died 1504, and 2. *Edmund Mille*, of *Pulborough* (*e*), in the county of *Suffex*; which line terminated in a daughter, married to *Nicholas Anstie*. The last named *Richard Mille*, married *Agnes*, daughter of *Thomas Lewknor*, relict of *Andrew Sackville*, (she married to her third husband, — *Kighley*,) and had issue two sons; 1. *William Mill*, of *Gretham*, in the county of *Suffex*, living 13 *Henry VII.* and 22 *Hen. VIII.*

(a) Ex infor. Dom. Ri. Mill, Bar. (b) Le Neve's MSS. of the baronets, vol. I. p. 116. (c) Fuller's worthies in *Surry*. (d) Robtus Mulle, filius Johis Mulle, de Nutborne, consanguineus & hæres Robti Mulle, de Guldeford, videlt. filius Johis, filii Rici, fratris præd. Robti, de Guldeford, relaxavit Thom. de Polsted, & Jo. uxor. & hæred. suis, in terris in Worplesten & Althe, com. Surr. Kerdeford, Gretham, Pulberg, com. Suffex. Rot. Claus. 12 Hen. VI. m. 13. (e) Robtus Mulle, filius Johis, filii Rici, relaxavit Edmund. Mulle, & hæredibus ejus in maner. Munden, &c. & terr. in paroch. de Fyndon, in com. Suffex. Rot. Claus. 12 Hen. VI. m. 13.

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VIII. from whom, Thomas Mill, of Gretham, *aforefaid*, Esq; that was living 1634, and married Dorothy, daughter of Ralph Cooper, of Slingford, in the county of Suffex, Esq; was lineally descended (*a*); and from him descended William Mill, of Gretham, Esq; who died, June, 1729, whereupon this branch terminated in daughters and coheirs, now living.

John Mill, of Hampton, and also of Gretham, (second son of Richard,) by Alice, his wife, (living 38 Hen. VIII.) had issue, John Mill, of Gretham, *aforefaid*, who married Catherine, daughter and coheir of Sir Roger Lewknor, of Trotton, and also of Camois-Court, in the county of Suffex, Knt. by Ellen, his third wife, daughter of Thomas Mefant; lineally descended from Roger Lewknor, high sheriff of Suffex and Surry, 20 Edward III. son of Thomas, son of Roger de Lewknor, high sheriff of Surry, 12 Edw. I. by which match, the family of Mill, become allied to the noble families of Bardolph, D'oily, Carew, of Mulford, Dalingrigg, lord Camois, and Pelham.

The last mentioned John Mill, by Catherine, his wife, had issue, Lewknor Mill, of Camois-Court, in the county of Suffex, only son and heir, who married Cicely, daughter of John Crook, of the town of Southampton, Esq; by whom he had issue four sons, and four daughters, viz. 1. Sir John Mill, of Camois-Court, in the county of Suffex, and also of Newton-Berry, in the county of Southampton, advanced to the dignity of a baronet, the seventeenth of James I. Lewknor, second son, who died Dec. 5, 1567 (*b*). John, third, and Thomas, fourth son; which three last died without issue: Dowsabella, eldest daughter; Catherine, second; Mary, third, and —, fourth daughter.

The said Sir John Mill, Bart. was elected a member for the town of Southampton, in the parliament, 21 Jac. I. (*c*) as also in several succeeding ones, in the reign of King Charles I. He married (*d*) to his first wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Sir George More, of Losley, in the county of Surry, Knt. who died without issue; and afterwards he took to wife, Anne, daughter of Sir Thomas Flemming, Knt. lord chief-justice of England, by whom he had issue eight sons, viz. 1. Sir John Mill, of Newton-Berry, in com. Southampton. Knt. who was made a knight banneret by King Charles I. (*e*) (and killed by one Slatford, near Oxford, in the life-time of his father.) 2. Thomas Mill, of Nutshelling, in com. Southampton. Esq; (who married Catherine, daughter and sole heir of Andrew Mundy, of Nutshelling *aforefaid*, Esq; and whose grandson, Henry, is now living.) 3. Anthony, died young. 4. Richard Mill, of Oxford, died unmarried. 5. Lewknor Mill,

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(*a*) Ex infor. Dom. Ri. Mill, Bar. (*b*) See church notes in visit. of Hants, by Sir Hen. St. George, p. 16. (*c*) MS. penes Br. Willis, Arm. (*d*) Ex infor. Dom. Ric. Mill, Bar. (*e*) Ibid.

of Plaitford, in com. Wilts, who died unmarried. 6. Edward Mill, of Eling, in com. Southampton, (married to Jane, daughter of Thomas Burges, of Byton, in the said county, by whom he had two daughters;) George, seventh, and William, eighth sons, both died young.

The last mentioned Sir John Mill, Knt. (who died *vitâ patris*) married Philadelphia, daughter of Sir Henry Knollys, of Grove-Place, in the parish of Nutthelling, in com. Southampton, Knt. comptroller of the household to King Charles I. (she surviving him, married Christopher Roper, lord Teynham, from whom the present lord Teynham, is lineally descended) by whom he had issue,

Sir John Mill, of Newton-Berry, aforesaid, Bart. only son and heir, successor to his grandfather, who died in the twenty-eighth year of his age, anno 1670 (*a*). He married Margaret, daughter of colonel Henry Sandys, of Mottisfont, in com. Southampton. (who was mortally wounded on the king's part, in the fight of Bramdene, near Alsford, in the said county, March 29, 1644, and died April 6, following,) by Jane, his wife, daughter of Sir William Sandys, of Muserden, in the county of Gloucester, Knt. (*b*) The said colonel Henry Sandys, was son of Sir Edwin Sandys, of Latimers, in com. Bucks, Knt. by Elizabeth, his wife, daughter and heir of William, lord Sandys, of the Vine, lineally descended from Sir William Sandys, knight of the most noble order of the garter, lord chamberlain of the household to King Henry VIII. first lord Sandys, of the Vine, by Margaret, daughter and sole heir of John Bray, Esq; (son of Sir Richard Bray, Knt. one of the council to King Henry VI.) and niece to Sir Reginald Bray, likewise one of the knights-companions of the said most noble order of the garter.

The aforesaid Margaret, wife of Sir John Mill, was sister of Edwin, last lord Sandys, of the Vine, and at length one of his co-heirs, who dying unmarried, gave to his nephew, Sir John Mill, (the son of the said Margaret,) all the estate he had in the world (*c*).

Which Sir John Mill, Bart. (the nephew of Edwin, lord Sandys) was high sheriff for the county of Southampton, 1685: he married Margaret, daughter and heir of Thomas Grey, of Woolbeding, in the county of Suffex, Esq; by whom he had issue two sons, and four daughters, viz. (*d*) 1. Sir John, his eldest son and successor; 2. Sir Richard, of whom hereafter. The daughters were, 1. Margaret, (married to Robert Knollys, younger brother of Henry, and son of Robert Knollys, of Grove-Place, in com. Southampton, Esq;) 2. Mary, who died unmarried;

(*a*) Ex infor. Dom. R. Mill, Bar.

(*b*) Ibid.

(*c*) Ibid.

(*d*) Ibid.

(*a*) Ibid.

unmarried; 3. Elizabeth, (married to Sir Thomas Hobby, of Somerley, in the said county of Southampton, Bart.) and 4. Philadelphia.

Sir John Mill, Bart. the eldest son, succeeded his father in title and estate, but dying unmarried, was succeeded by his brother,

Sir Richard Mill, the present baronet, who serv'd the office of high sberiff for the county of Southampton, 1723, and was a representative in the last parliament, for Midhurst, in Sussex, and elected in this present parliament, for Penryn, in Cornwall. He married (*a*) Margaret, eldest daughter of Robert Knollys, of Grove-place, in com. Southampton. Esq; by whom he had issue four sons, and five daughters; 1. Richad Mill, Esq; eldest son, and heir apparent; 2. John; 3. Henry; and 4. Charles. The daughters were, Margaret, Philadelphia, Elizabeth, Mary, and Martha.

ARMS: Parted per Fefs, Argent and Sable, a Pale counter-changed, and three Bears, saliant, 2 and 1 counterchang'd, muzzled, and chain'd, Or.

CREST: On a Wreath, a Demi-Bear, as in the Arms.

MOTTO: *Aides Dieu.*

SEATS: At *Mottisfont* and *Newton-Berry*, both in com. *Southampton.* and *Woolbeding*, in *Suffex.*

41. FOULIS, of Ingleby, Yorkshire.

(Sir DAVID, KNIGHT,)

Created BARONET, February 6, 1619

THIS family, for many ages, inhabited in that part of Great-Britain, called Scotland, yet, in all probability, it was originally English, since one of the name made a considerable figure in Kent. before the Norman invasion, as Taylor, in his history of Gavelkind, tells us; and that he, together with several others, who oppos'd King William I. being treated with much rigour and severity, fled into Scotland, with Margaret, the sister of Edgar Atheling, (afterwards married to Malcom Conmore, king of Scotland) and settled there, where his descendants flourish to this day; for which he cites bishop Ross's history of Scotland; likewise Hollingshed (*b*), relates the same thing.

After this removal, tis likely this family settled in the north of Scotland, and gave denomination to a town of their name, which now belongs to the Monroes: 'tis certain, that several thereof bore considerable offices under the kings of Scotland (*c*); for

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(*a*) *Ibid.* (*b*) Chron. fol. 254.

(*c*) Dugdale's visit. com. Ebor. 1665.

William Fowlis, was keeper of the privy-seal to King James I. A. D. 1430, and left issue, William, his son and heir, who married Elizabeth, the daughter of Sir Walter Ogilby, Knt. by whom he had two sons; William, who died without issue, and James, who, by his wife, Margaret, the daughter of Sir Thomas Henderson, Knt. had issue a son, James, who was heir to his uncle, William, and purchased the lands of Collington, from William, master of Glencarne, A. D. 1519. He was keeper of the register to King James V. of Scotland, A. D. 1530, and having married Barbara, daughter of — Brown, of Fordee, in Fyfe, was succeeded by Henry Foulis, his son and heir, who espoused Mary, daughter of — Hadden, of Glenargis, by a daughter of the earl of Mar, by whom he had issue, 1. James; 2. David Foulis, (the person here chiefly concern'd) and others.

This David, was agent, from King James VI. of Scotland, (first monarch of Great-Britain) to Queen Elizabeth, and after the death of that princess, was knighted by his royal master, at the Tower of London, May 13, 1603, before his coronation, two years after which, waiting on his majesty (*a*) to Oxford, he was (with others belonging to the court) created master of arts in that university, and had the dignity of a baronet conferr'd upon him, by letters patents bearing date, February the 6th, 1619: he was cofferer to Prince Henry, eldest son of the said King James, and after his decease, he bore the same office under Prince Charles, (afterwards King Charles I.) He purchased the manor and seat of Ingleby-manor, in Cleaveland, in Yorkshire, of the lord Eure, where he resided mostly, and was made one of his majesty's council for the northern parts, and custos rotulorum, deputy-lieutenant, and justice of the peace for the north-riding of that county.

But as he appear'd with some zeal, in 1632, against the commission which was issu'd to compel gentlemen to compound for not having taken the honour of knighthood, to which they were oblig'd, by an old obsolete law, and had let fall some expressions, reflecting upon Thomas, lord viscount Wentworth, lord-president of the council in the north, for his proceedings therein; he, and his eldest son, Henry, were censur'd for it in the court of star-chamber, in 1633 (*b*), Sir David, was declar'd incapable of all the offices and places which he held, was committed prisoner to the Fleet, during his majesty's pleasure, fin'd 5000l. to the king, and 3000l. to the lord Wentworth; for the payment of which fines, he was forced to sell part of his estate. His son and heir, Henry, was also committed prisoner to the Fleet, during his majesty's pleasure, and fin'd 500l.

This Sir David, married Cordelia, the daughter of William Fleetwood,

(*a*) Wood's Fasti Oxon. vol. I. p. 173.
where the whole proceedings at large against them, are inserted.

(*b*) Rushworth's Coll. part 2. p. 215.

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Fleetwood, of Great-Miffenden, in com. Bucks, Esq; serjeant at law, and recorder of London, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, by whom he had issue two daughters; 1. Anne, married to George Purvis, doctor in physick; 2. Elizabeth, who died unmarried, and five sons; 1. Sir Henry, his successor in the title and estate; 2. Robert; 3. John; 4. Edward; and 5. William, who all died without issue: Sir David, died in 1642, and was succeeded by his eldest son,

Sir Henry Fowlis, Bart. who married Mary, the eldest daughter of Sir Thomas Clayton, of Sexho, in com. Ebor. Knt. by whom he had issue four sons, and four daughters, viz. 1. Sir David, his successor; 2. Henry, who was fellow of Lincoln-college, in Oxford, and wrote, with some reputation, both against the papists and presbyterians. He was the author of the history of the wicked plots and conspiracies of the presbyterians, in fo. 1674, and the history of Romish treasons, in fo. 1681. Anthony Wood, says (*a*), 'The products of his writings shew him, to have been a true son of the church of England, a hater of popery, presbytery, and sectarism. He was endow'd with a happy memory, understood books, and the ordering of them so well, that with a little industry, he might have gone beyond the great Philobiblos Jamesius. He had also in him a most generous and noble spirit, a carelessness of the world and things thereof, (as most bookish men have,) a most becoming honesty in his dealings, a just observance of collegiate discipline, and a hatred to fangles, and the French fooleries of his time.' He died Dec. 24, 1669, aged thirty-three, and was buried under the north-wall, in the chancel of St. Michael's church, Oxon; 3. Edward, who died unmarried; 4. Thomas, who was captain of a man of war, and lost his life in the Dutch wars, in the reign of King Charles II. He left two sons, and a daughter, who all died without issue.

Of the daughters of Sir Henry, 1. Cordelia, died unmarried; 2. Mary, was wedded to Robert Shafto, of Benwell, in com. Northumb. Esq; 3. Catherine, was wife to Sir Ralph Cole, of Brancepeth, in Durham, Bart. 4. Elizabeth, died unmarried.

Sir David Foulis, Bart. the second of that name, succeeded his father in the estate and title, and married Catherine, the eldest daughter of Sir David Watkins, of the county of Middlesex, Knt. and had issue six sons, and five daughters, viz. 1. David; 2. Henry; 3. Sir William; 4. Thomas; 5. Charles; 6. John, who all died without issue, except Sir William, his third son.

The daughters were, 1. Honor, married to William Chaloner, of Gisborough, Esq; eldest son of Sir Edward Chaloner, of Gisborough, in com. Ebor. Knt. 2. Mary, married to William
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(a) Wood's Athen. Oxon. vol. II. p. 455.

Turner, of Stainsby, Esq; second son of John Turner, of Kirk-leatham, in com. Ebor, Esq; serjeant at law, kinsman and heir of Sir William Turner, Knt. lord-mayor of London. 3. Catherine, married to John Rudd, of the city of Durham, Esq; 4. Anne, to Sir Reginald Graham, of Norton-Conyers, in Yorkshire, Bart. (of the said daughters, Honor, Catherine, and Anne, are now living, and widows.) 5. Jane, who is unmarried.

This Sir David, serv'd in parliament for the borough of North-Allerton, in the first year of King James II. and departed this life the 13th of March, 1694, in the sixty-second year of his age, and was succeeded in title and estate, by,

Sir William Fowlis, Bart. his third, but eldest surviving son, who married Anne, daughter of John Lawrence, of the city of Westminster, Esq; widow of Sir Lumley Robinson, of Kentwell-Hall, in com. Suff. Bart. by whom he left issue only one son, Sir William, and died Oct. 1741, aged eighty-three.

Sir William Fowlis, only son and successor to his father in dignity and estate, is the present baronet, and hath married Mildred, the elder daughter of Henry, lord viscount Downe, in the kingdom of Ireland, and of Cowick, near Snaith, in the west-riding of Yorkshire, by whom he has issue one son, William, and four daughters, Mildred, Anne, Catherine, and Mary, all in their minority.

ARMS: Argent, three Laurel, or Bay Leaves, erect, proper.

CREST: On a Wreath, out of a Crescent, Argent, a Cross Formè Fichè, Sable; also a Demi-Unicorn wing'd, has been sometimes born.

SEAT: At *Ingleby manor*, near *Stokesley*, in *Cleaveland*, in the North-riding of *Yorkshire*.

42. CHESTER, of Chichley, Buckinghamshire.

(ANTHONY, ESQUIRE,)

Created BARONET, March 23, 1619.

THE Chesters, have been anciently seated in Gloucestershire, and a branch of them do now possess a good estate there, of which, Thomas Chester, Esq; is one of the knights of the shire for that county: for I take those of the name, at Amsbury, to be of the same lineage with this family I am to treat of, as will hereafter appear,) altho' they are by some (a), said to be descended out of Huntingdonshire.

Robert,

(a) Atkins's Hist. of Gloucestershire, p. 212.

Robert Chester, or Chestre, in the aforesaid county of Gloucester, was a person of some note; for, in the twenty-third (a) year of the reign of King Henry VI. he had, with others, a license to found a gild, or fraternity, to the praise and honour of the Trinity, in the town of Stow St. Edward, in the said county, to endure for ever: to consist of a warden or master, and as many persons as should think fit to be of the fraternity; which said warden, or master, with the major part of the fraternity, and their successors, are empower'd to chuse annually, a warden, on the eve of the Trinity, for the government of the same: also, that they be one body corporate, have a common seal, purchase lands, be impleaded, &c. And likewise are empower'd to erect a chantry, and purchase lands of the value of 10*l.* per ann. for the maintenance of a chaplain, to be appointed by the said Robert Chestre, and others, their executors or assigns, who should pray at the altar of the Holy Trinity, in the parish of Stow St. Edward, aforesaid, for the welfare of the king, and Margaret, his queen, and for the souls of their progenitors, and for the welfare of Sir Ralph Boteler, Knt. lord Sudley, treasurer of England, Sir John Beauchamp, of Powick, Knt. and for the warden of the said society.

This Robert Chestre, was father to (b) William, Richard, and (probably) Henry Chestre, of Bristol, merchant, who makes his will, Feb. 3, 1470, (11 Edw. IV.) bequeaths his body to be buried (c) in the church of All Saints, in Bristol, and constitutes Alice, his wife, executrix, who made her will (d) the 10th of Decemb. 1485, wherein she desires her body to be buried in All Saints, Bristol, near her husband, Henry Chestre, and constitutes her son, John Chestre, of Bristol, merchant, executor.

Which John, makes his will (e), 22 Decemb. 1488, and bequeaths his body to be buried in the same church, near the sepulchre of his parents, and constitutes Anne, his wife, sole executrix. After whom, was William Chester (f), alias Chestre, alderman of Bristol, whose testament bears date Septemb. 2, 1558; and the probat thereof, Nov. 8, 1559; who left several sons, one of which was named Thomas, probably the same Thomas Chester, (son of William,) who, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, purchased the manor of Amsbury, in Gloucestershire, from whom, those of the name there, derive their descent.

Richard Chestre, beforementioned, is styl'd brother of William; and in 16 Edward IV. one of the executors (g) of his last will and testament, wherein, Robert Chester, is mentioned to be their father. Also I find Alice, to be the wife of the said Richard (h),
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(a) Privat. Sigill. 21 August. 23 Hen. VI. (b) Ex regist. vocat. Wattys, qu. 23. in cur. prerog. Cant. (c) Wattys, qu. 1. (d) Logge, qu. 14. (e) Milles, qu. 23. (f) Cheyne, qu. 52. (g) Wattys, qu. 23. (h) Holgrave, qu. 35.

and to survive him, as appears by her last testament, bearing date the last of August, 1504, (20 Henry VII.) wherein she desires to be buried in St. Buttolph, without Aldgate, near her late husband, Richard Chestre. She liv'd, after his death, among the nuns, at the Minories, and bequeathes her black hood of profession, to Mrs. Staland, sister, at St. Catherines; constitutes Thomas Bullifdon, (who had married Joan, her daughter) executor, and styling herself dame Alice Chestre, widow, late the wife of Richard Chestre, citizen and skinner, of London, and alderman and sheriff thereof, revokes all other wills.

William Chestre, elder brother to the said Richard, who was likewise citizen and skinner of London, and merchant of the staple at Calais, had, in 7 Edw. IV. (a) a grant of the arms and crest, (as now us'd by his descendants) under the seal of William Hawkflow, Esq; Clarencieux, king at arms, dated 22 May. He was possess'd of much wealth, and was a person of great piety, as the charities he leaves in his will, evinces, which bears (b) date the 5th of May, 1476, (16 Edw. IV.) soon after which, he died, for it was prov'd 27 Sept. following. 'He bequeaths his body to be buried after the will of his executors, and that 20l. be given to poor men and women, the day of his decease: also to every three orders of the fryers, in London, iiii. vis. viii. d. to the four orders of fryers, in Oxenford; 33s. 4d. to every Lazar-house within four miles of London; 20s. to the compters, 20s. each; to the prisoners in Newgate, 40s. to those in Ludgate, Fleet, and king's-bench, 40s. each, and to other prisoners, where need is, 40s. He farther orders, that 100 gowns, shirts, and smocks, be given to poor people, to pray for him, and that from his deceasing, to his month's day, dirige and mass be daily said, and every priest present thereat to have vis. viii. d. and the parish-priest viii. s. iv. d. and every poor man and woman present, 1d. tho' there be 300 of them, with meat and drink plentifully. He also bequeathes to the church of the glorious king, St. Edward, of Stowe, in Cottiswald, a suit of vestments, to the value of 20l. and to the high altar there, 20s. also to 100 parish-churches, where need is, at the discretion of his executors, iiii. hundred nobles, (i. e.) vis. viii. d. to every church, likewise a suit of vestments of the value of 20l. to St. Buttolph's church, without Aldgate; as also a bell of 500 weight, for a clock thereto; and to Walthamstow-church, in Essex, 10s. and to Wekewon-church, in the vale of Evesham, 20s. Moreover, he gives to Agnes Chester, his wife, his lands, rents, plate, and household-goods, as long as she lives a widow; but if she marry, to have only 500 marks, with his plate and household-goods, but

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(a) Vis. de Lond. penes præhon. vicecom. Fermanagh.
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(b) Watty's præb.

‘ none of his lands, which he wills after her decease, or marriage,
 ‘ to John Chester, his son, except his rents in London, and in
 ‘ Suffex, which he desires his excutors to sell, and dispose of the
 ‘ money for his soule, and his father and mother’s soules; also that
 ‘ his rents in Southwark, should maintain an alms-house, at Skin-
 ‘ ners-hall in bread, for ever, to be distributed to poor men and
 ‘ women, by four fryers of the iiij orders, every Friday in the
 ‘ year, between nine and ten, and they to have for their labour,
 ‘ iiij pennyworth of bread of the same alms.

‘ Besides this, he wills, that his executors, out of the same lands
 ‘ in Southwark, maintain a chantry, in Stow, in Cottiswold, in
 ‘ worship of the Holy Trinity, mortized by his father, Robert
 ‘ Chester, then fallen to decay, and that they make provision for
 ‘ a vertuous priest, of good conditions, to say dirige, for his soule,
 ‘ his wife’s soule, his father’s and mother’s, his children’s soules,
 ‘ and all christian soules; which chantry, when vacant, should
 ‘ be in the gift of the master of the gild, and church-wardens of
 ‘ Stowe: also, that out of the same possessions in Southwark,
 ‘ ground be purchased, as nigh the church of Stowe, as can be
 ‘ had, to build an alms-house, with viii mansions, for viii vertu-
 ‘ ous poor men and women, every of them to have, on Saturday,
 ‘ viiid. or a man and his wife dwelling together, xiid. and a wo-
 ‘ man to wash and attend them every week, to have for her la-
 ‘ bour viiid. And if any of the brethren or trustees of the gild
 ‘ of St. Edward, at Stowe, fall to such penury that they have
 ‘ nought to live with, that then they should be received before
 ‘ any other. Farthermore, he gives 20s. to keep his year’s mind,
 ‘ and iis to the parish-priest, yearly, to pray in the pulpit by
 ‘ name, for him and his wife, his father and mother, his wife’s fa-
 ‘ ther and mother, and all christian soules.

‘ He gives to the company of Skynners, of London, 20l. with
 ‘ ii cups and vi spoons, weighty, and to John Chester, his son,
 ‘ on his good behaviour to his wife, 300l. also a quarter and half
 ‘ of a ship, called the May-flower, and a ship called the John;
 ‘ and to two children of his said son, John, 40l. each: to master
 ‘ William Hill, vicar of Walthamstow, 20l. and to the parish-
 ‘ priest of St. Buttolph, x marks more. He likewise bestows se-
 ‘ veral legacies on his servants and kinsfolks, among whom is,
 ‘ Thomas Chester, of Stowe, Joan, his brother’s daughter, and
 ‘ constitutes Agnes, his wife, and Richard Chester, (beforemen-
 ‘ tioned) his brother, executors.

The said Agnes, (who was daughter of — Hill) died in 3
 Ric. III. (a) and by her last testament, dated the 28th of June,
 1484, (the probat whereof is on 13 July following) ‘ bequeaths
 ‘ her body to be buried in the parish of St. Buttolph, with-

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‘ out Aldgate, in the burying-place there of William Chester, her late husband, and orders her executors to give x marks to an honest priest, of good name, and good fame, to sing masses, and other divine service in the said parish-church, for one year, for her soule, and her late husband’s soule, as also for the soules of all her friends and benefactors, and all christian soules ; and that 4l. 3s. 4d. be given to poor and needy people, at her burial. She leaves several sums of money to several churches, for masses to be said and sung for her soule, and the soules aforementioned ; also legacies to the several hospitals in London, therewith to refresh poor people, and gives to John Chester, her son, all her lands and tenements, in Lytilstone, in Essex ; also, other bequests to her relations, and appoints Sir William Hill, clerk, her brother, and Hugh Brown, mercer of London, her executors.’

The said John Chester, writes himself citizen and draper, of London, in his last testament, and died in May, 1513, 5 Henry VIII. as appears by the probat thereof. ‘ By (a) which testament, he leaves several sums of money to poor people, and to monasteries, to pray for his soul, and to several prisons and hospitals in London. Desires Joan, his wife, as long as she lives, to cause a solemn obite or anniversary to be kept yearly, in the church of St. Thomas, of Acon, in Westchepe, London, and that she cause his body to be buried there. Also that she would make provision that he may be pray’d for, by name, in the parish-church of Abchurch, (where he inhabited) every Sunday, during her life, and that a trental of masses be said for his soule, and all christian soules : likewise requires his wife, so to provide for her self, and for him, in doing of good deeds of charity and alms, that their soules may for ever be pray’d for. He mentions Alice, his daughter, and Anthony Wellis, his wife’s son, (so that she was the widow of Wellis) and bequeaths all his goods and chattels, to Joan, his wife, Nicholas, and William Chester, his sons and heirs, to be divided between them, his wife one half, and his sons the other ; which bequest to her, he makes the larger, on condition she never will marry, as she hath said unto him ; and constitutes her, sole executrix.’

William Chester, son of John, and brother to Nicholas, (whose issue fail’d) was bred to his father’s occupation, a draper, whereby he increas’d his patrimony very considerably, and living in great reputation, was elected one of the sheriffs of London, in 2 Philip and Mary, (1544). He had been knighted before, and was a considerable benefactor to the city, in the reign of King Edward VI. For, following the charitable example of that virtuous prince, (who founded Christ’s-hospital, and largely endow’d it)

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(a) T. i. place, qu. 18.

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this Sir William Chester, Knt. and alderman (*a*), and John Calthorp, citizen and draper, at their own proper costs and charges, made the brick-walls, and way on the backside, which leadeth from the said hospital, to the hospital of St. Bartholomew; also cover'd and vaulted the town-ditch, from Aldersgate to Newgate, which before, was very noisom and contagious to the said hospital. He was (as I am inform'd) so great a favourer and encourager of the reformation, that in the times of persecution, in Queen Mary's reign, he was taken notice of by those zealots that were for fire and faggot, and one of his principal servants was burnt in Smithfield, for professing the protestant religion; but by a prudent behaviour, he so manag'd as to weather the storm; was lord-mayor of London, in 2 Eliz. (1560) and chosen one of the representatives in parliament for that city, in 5 Eliz. (*b*) He afterwards became so strictly religious, that for a considerable time before his death, he retir'd from all business, enter'd himself a fellow-commoner, in Cambridge, liv'd there some years, and made a great proficiency in the studies of the university, and was reputed a very learned man. At what time he died, I don't find, but he was buried, with his wives (*c*), in the church of St. Edmund, Lombard-street; he having, in his life-time, erected a fair monument against the south-side of the chancel, in the wall of that church. His first wife was, Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Lovett, of Astwell, in com. Northamp. Gent. (by Elizabeth, his wife, daughter and heir of John Boteler, of Woodhall, in com. Hertford. Esq;) His second wife was, Joan, daughter of John Turner, of London, widow of William Befwick, alderman; but by her he had no children. By Elizabeth, his first wife, he had issue five sons, and four daughters; 1. William; 2. Thomas, who was bishop of Elphine, in Ireland, A. D. 1580, and married one of the daughters of Sir James Clavering, of Axwell, in com. Northumb. Knt. but died without issue, in June, 1584 (*d*), at Killiathan, in that kingdom, having sat as bishop, about four years, being promoted thereto by Queen Elizabeth, in the year 1580. John, Daniel, and Francis, younger sons of Sir William, all died without issue; and his daughters were, Frances, married to Francis Robinson, of London; Jane, to Richard, brother of Sir Thomas Offley, Knt. Emma, to John Gardiner, and Susan, to John Trott, both of London.

William Chester, Esq; (eldest son of Sir William) married, in his father's life-time, Anne, daughter of John Fryer, of London, Gent. (by whom he had issue, William, who died an infant, and Elizabeth, wife of Thomas Heton, elder brother to Martin Heton, bishop of Ely;) but she dying, A. D. 1587, he took to his

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(*a*) Stow's survey, vol. I. b. 3. p. 132.

(*b*) MS. penes B. Willis, Arm.

(*c*) Stow's

survey, vol. I. b. 2. p. 197.

(*d*) Wood's Athen, Oxon. vol. I. p. 708.

second wife, Judith, daughter and coheir of Anthony Cave, of Chichley, in com. Bucks, Esq; a (a) manor, part of the possessions of the dissolv'd priory of Tickford, and became part of the estate of cardinal Wolsey, in 18 Henry VIII. which prelate, falling into disgrace, and the king seizing his great estate, it continued in the crown till the said prince, in the last year of his reign, gave it to Anthony Cave, Esq; and then, by marriage, it devolv'd to this William Chester, whose successors have ever since made it their residence. He died, A. D. 1587, and was buried there, leaving (by Judith, aforesaid, his second wife) an only son,

Anthony Chester, Esq; born in the year 1565, who was as zealous as his grandfather, in exerting himself against papal tyranny; for, putting himself in arms, he attended Queen Elizabeth, at Tilbury camp, and commanded a troop of horse, to oppose the Spanish invasion. In the forty-fourth year of that queen's reign, he was constituted sheriff of the county of Buckingham, and advanced to the dignity of a baronet, by K. James I. in the seventeenth year of his reign. He was again sheriff of the county, in 4 Car. I. and having married two wives, first, Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Henry Boteler, of Woodhall, in com. Hertford. Knt. and sister to John, baron Boteler, of Bramfield, (and she dying, April the 5th, A. D. 1629, aged sixty-three years;) secondly, (on the 5th of Septemb. 1631) Mary, daughter of John Ellis, of Kiddal, in com. Ebor. Esq; and departing this life, was buried at Chichley, the 3d of Decemb. 1635.

In Chichley-church, is the following inscription for this Sir Anthony (b):

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For the Memory of his much honour'd Father, Sir Anthony Chester, Knight Baronet, who died the second of December, at the Age of threescore and ten, An^o Dni 1635. Henry Chester, his third Sonne, hath erected this Monument to the memorie of posterity, May, 1637.

His first lady hath this inscription in the same church (c):

Dame Elizabeth Chester, died the 5 of April, 1629, at the Age of 63, by whose Vertue and Wisedome, that Family is much advanced.

He had, by his second wife, one son, Robert. baptized the first of April, 1633, who died at twelve years of age; and by his first wife, five sons and five daughters; 1. Sir Anthony, his successor;

(a) Ex relatione B. Willis, Arm.
(c) Ibid. p. 116.

(b) Le Neve's Mon. Ang. vol. I. p. 164

cessor ; 2. William, baptiz'd 27 April, 1595, educated in the study of the law, at Grays-Inn, who married two wives, and left issue three daughters, his coheirs ; 3. Sir Henry, baptiz'd May 11, 1598, of Tilsforth, in com. Bedford. who was sheriff of that county, in 12 Car. I. and made knight of the Bath, at the coronation of King Charles II. He married Judith, daughter of — Bankworth, of Bow-lane, London, Gent. sister to Dr. Bankworth, (by whom he had a son, Robert, that died when eighteen years old ;) secondly, Mary, daughter of Thomas Wood, of Hackney, Esq; sister to both Sir Henry Wood, Knt. and to Thomas, bishop of Litchfield and Coventry, (and relict of Samuel Cranmer, Esq; alderman of London) but by her had no issue, whereupon, his estate devolv'd to Sir Anthony Chester, Bart. John, fourth son, baptiz'd 7 June, 1601, married Catherine, daughter of — Ashton, Gent. and died without issue. Robert, fifth son, baptiz'd Septemb. 1606, died unmarried, in the isle of Rhee, being in the expedition there, under the duke of Buckingham.

Of the daughters, Mary, married Sir Robert Bell, of Beaupree-hall, in Norf. Knt. Elizabeth, baptiz'd 11 July, 1596, married five husbands, gentlemen of good estates ; Judith, Anne, and Dorothy, all died either young, or unmarried.

Sir Anthony Chester, Bart. (son and heir of Sir Anthony,) baptiz'd 23 March, A. D. 1593, was a gentleman of steady loyalty to King Charles I. At the breaking out of the rebellion, he serv'd him personally in his armies ; and for contributing very largely to his majesty's service, had his estate sequester'd, and his mansion at Chichley, so defac'd and ruin'd, that there was no inhabiting it. He behav'd himself with great bravery at the fatal battle of Naseby, and other engagements, which forc'd him to flee for Holland, and reside there, till a composition was made for his life and estate, with the usurping powers. His lady, Elizabeth, daughter of Sir John Peyton, of Dodington, in com. Cantab. Knt. endur'd, with christian patience, and singular courage, the calamities which adverse fortunes, in those deplorable times, had expos'd the family to. Sir Anthony, her husband, was buried at Chichley, 15 Feb. 1651, and she surviv'd him many years, dying in the eighty-ninth year of her age, the 3d of July, A. D. 1692 ; and a monument is erected at Chichley, to her memory. They had five sons and seven daughters. Henry, his eldest, died before him, unmarried ; 2. Sir Anthony, his successor ; 3. Peyton, who was of the bed-chamber to Henry, duke of Gloucester, and a most accomplish'd gentleman : he had his education at St. John's college, Cantab. after that went to his majesty, at Brussels, where he liv'd some years, and return'd with the royal family, and died unmarried. 4. William, a merchant and trader

to Barbadoes, who rais'd a very great fortune, and married Sarah, daughter of major Thomas Healmes, of that island, by whom he had four sons, since dead, without issue; and two daughters, Dorothy, married to — Butler, of Barbadoes, and Elizabeth, to — Nanfan, of Worcestershire, Esqrs. John, fifth son, died unmarried.

Of the daughters, Alice, became the wife of John Millicent, of Bergham, in com. Cantab. Esq; Dorothy, to colonel John Fisher, of Wisbich, and Frances, to Samuel Wiseman, of Barbadoes, Gent. Diana, died unmarried; Elizabeth, was wife of William Ryley, Esq; barrister at law, and keeper of the records in the tower of London; Penelope, died an infant, and the youngest, Ruperta, was married to Edward Coney, of South-Luffenham, in com. Rutland, Esq; son of Sir Sutton Coney, of Basinthorp, in com. Linc. Knt.

Sir Anthony Chester, Bart. third of that name and title, married (May 21, 1657) Mary, daughter of Samuel Cranmer, Esq; alderman of London, (sister to Sir Cæsar Cranmer, of Ashwood, in Bucks, Knt.) and departed this life the 15th of February, 1693, in the sixty-fifth year of his age, as an inscription on a marble tablet, against the wall, in the chancel of Chichley, informs, which likewise imports, 'That he was an honour to his family, and not more excellent by descent, than by virtue. That there was seldom to be found, one, who so faithfully discharg'd all offices of a pious man, subject, husband, father, or friend. He lov'd the good, and cherish'd the learned: he entertain'd all, freely and hospitably; follow'd virtue, and excell'd in that part, which makes mankind honour'd; triumphing in piety, innocence, constancy, and faith.' His lady was likewise not less distinguish'd in the several virtues that adorn a private life; she surviv'd her husband, and dying the 12th of May, 1710, had sepulture with him.

They had issue, 1. Anthony, baptiz'd 1663, who died unmarried, 10 May, 1685; 2. Sir John, his successor; 3. Henry, baptiz'd 29 Septemb. 1688, of Hadon, in com. Northampt. married to Theodocia, daughter and heir of Thomas Towers, of Wilbarton, in com. Cantab. Esq; by whom he left a son, Anthony; 4. William, who died unmarried; 5. Thomas, born 12 March, 1674, married to Elizabeth, daughter of Daniel Wingfield, of London, merchant, (who had one son, John, and two daughters; Mary, married to — Horton, of Yorkshire, Esq; and Anne;) 6. Cæsar, unmarried; and 7. Robert, who took to wife, Elizabeth, daughter to Mr. Henry Allen, a merchant, in London, and died without issue.

Sir Anthony's daughters were, Mary, wife of Francis Duncomb, of Broughton, in com. Bucks, Esq; Elizabeth, twin with Mary,

Mary, wife of Charles Nicholas Eyre, Esq; one of the gentlemen of the privy-chamber, and cup-bearer to Queen Mary, (by whom he had only one son, Charles-Chester Eyre, Esq;) Henrietta, who died young; Diana, married to the reverend Mr. Remington, rector of Hunnanby, in com. Ebor. Catherine, wife of Sir Henry Cambell, of Clay-hall, in Essex, Bart. Judith, of Robert Oneby, of the Inner-Temple, barrister at law, and of Barwel, in com. Leicest. Esq; Dorothy, of John Wilson, of Thorp, in the parish of Loughborough, in the aforesaid county, Esq; Alice, who died unmarried; and Penelope, wedded to the reverend Mr. Thomas Allen, late rector of Loughborough, aforesaid.

Sir John Chester, Bart. successor to the title and estate, (born in the year 1666,) very much beautified and repaired the church, at Chichley, having wholly rebuilt the chancel, and pav'd it with marble; likewise built a vault for the future interment of his family. He married, 1. Anne, eldest daughter and coheir of William Wollaston, of Shenton, in the county of Leicest. Esq; and she dying in childbed, the 3d of Octob. 1704, he married, secondly, (in April, 1714,) Frances, widow of Sir Charles Skrimshire, of Norbury-manor, in Staffordshire, Knt. and only child of Sir William Noel, of Kirkby, in com. Leicest. Bart. (by his second wife, Frances, daughter of Humble, lord Ward,) by whom he had no issue; but his former lady brought him five sons, and six daughters; whereof, Anthony, died an infant; Sir William, his successor, born the 5th of Septemb. 1687; 3. Thomas, born 31 March, 1689, waited on the earl of Pembroke, into Ireland, when lord-lieutenant of that kingdom, under whose protection and patronage, he became lieutenant-colonel to the regiment of colonel Jones, and was unhappily cast away near the coasts of Ireland, going for Spain; 4. Sir John, successor to his brother; 5. Francis, who married Bethia, daughter and coheir of Thomas Wood, of Kensington, in Middlesex, Esq; and one of the coheirs to Sir Henry Wood, Knt. one of the clerks of the board of green-cloth, to King Charles II. and hath issue, Francis.

Of the daughters of Sir John, Mary, and Rebecca, are deceased; Catherine, wedded (A. D. 1718,) John Toller, of Billingborough, in com. Linc. Esq; serjeant at law, (deceased, by whom she had issue;) Elizabeth, is unmarried; Anne, married to Mr. Snead, of Buckinghamshire, and Penelope, married Richard Smith, of Padbury, in Bucks, Esq;

Sir William Chester, Bart. succeeded his father, Sir John, in dignity and estate, Feb. 1725-6, and died in March following, leaving issue, by Penelope, daughter of George Hewett, of Stretton, in Leicestershire, Esq; six daughters, but no heir male, whereupon the title, and chief part of the estate, devolv'd upon his next surviving brother,

Sir

Sir John Chefter, the present baronet, who was of Christ's college, in Cambridge, is one of the knights of the shire in the present parliament, for the county of Bedford, and married, 1718, Frances, daughter of Sir Edward Bagot, of Blithfield, in Staffordshire, Bart. by whom he hath two sons, Charles-Bagot, and Anthony; and one daughter, Frances.

ARMS: Parted per pale, Argent and Sable, a Cheveron engrail'd, between three Rams Heads, eras'd, (attir'd, Or,) all counterchang'd; formerly within a Bordure engrail'd, entoyre of eight Roundles, counterchang'd, but of late omitted.

CREST: On a Wreath, a Ram's Head, coup'd, Argent, attired, Or.

SEAT: At *Chichley*, near *Newport-Pagnell*, *Bucks.*

43. BERNEY, of Parkhall, in Reedham, Norfolk,

(RICHARD, ESQUIRE,)

Created BARONET, May 5, 1620.

THIS ancient family, were denominated from the town of Berney, near Wallingham, in this county; where they were seated at the time of the conquest, and have ever since been of considerable note.

The first we find mentioned was, Roger de Berney, lord of Berney, father of Sir Henry de Berney, Knt. (a) whose son, Richard de Berney, by Catherine, daughter of Roger Gyney, Esq; had issue, Henry de Berney, who lived anno 1268, and was father of John de Berney, who resided chiefly in the city of Norwich, at his capital messuage, called Berney's-Inn, (which was sold by his son, Sir Robert Berney, Knt.) But the Reedham family had, at that time, or soon after, a messuage in the said city, which still belongs to them, called Berney's-Inn. This John de Berney, married Joan, daughter of Bartholomew de Witchingham, Esq; by whom came the estate at Witchingham (b). He left issue by her, John de Berney, who resided at Witchingham; he was one of the citizens for Norwich, in the parliament held at York, 9 Edw. III. also he, with Robert Clare, Esq; were the King's commissioners, before whom, an inquest upon a writ of *ad quod damnum*, concerning the fee of the castle of Norwich, was taken, 19 Edw. III. The year following, he was elected one of the knights in parliament for the said county, as he was again, 22 Edw. III. together with Robert Clare, Esq; and were allowed 14l. 10s. for thirty-four days attendance. He also serv'd in parliament,

(a) Ex stem. penes Gul. Berney, de Norstead, Arm.

(b) Ibid.

liament, 31 Edw. III. and for attending thirty-two days, had 6l. 8s. allow'd for his expences. He left issue two sons; 1. Robert, who was a knight-bachelor, and steward to the lord Morley, marshal of Ireland. He was high sheriff of Norfolk and Suffolk, 7 and 11 Henry IV. and died 1410, and from whom the Witchingham line, (and Gunton, now extinct) are descended.

2. Thomas de Berney, (second son of Witchingham,) who was afterwards knighted, married Margaret, daughter and heir of William de Reedham, Esq; of a very ancient family, seated at Reedham, at the time of the conqueror's survey. (a) With her he had the manor of Reedham, and several other estates and lordships. He left issue, John Berney, his son and heir, who married Isabel, daughter and heir of Sir John Heveningham, Knt. and died, anno 1440, leaving issue three sons; 1. Thomas; 2. Robert, of Barrow, Knt. and 3. John, who died issueless, 1461. For then his will was prov'd, which bears date the monday next, after St. Petronil, the virgin, A. D. 1460, (38 Hen. VI.) and writing himself son of John Berney, of Reedham, Esq; (b) 'Wills his body to be buried in the porch of the north part of the church of Reedham; and bequeaths, for finding lights before the blessed virgin Mary, St. Peter, and St. Nicholas, the bishop, 3s. 4d. each. Also to the brotherhood of St. John Baptist, of the town of Reedham, 6s. 8d. And to the brotherhood of St. Thomas, of the said town, 6s. 8d. Likewise, one great cypress chest, for the safe keeping the ornaments of the said church. He settles on John Berney, his nephew, (son of Thomas Berney, his brother) his manor of Causton; as also the manor of Shipdon, and the manor of Turteviles, in Wichingham Parva; ordering the said John, and his executors, to maintain one chaplain, after his decease, to pray for his soul, and the souls of John Berney, his father, and Isabel, his mother, in the church of Reedham, for four years, with a competent salary.'

Thomas, the eldest son, by Eva, daughter of John Clipsby, of Clipsby, Esq; left issue, John, whose son John, died, 1557, leaving issue, by Margaret, daughter of William Read, of Beccles, in Suffolk, four daughters, Thomafine, married to Thomas Osborne, of Kirby Bedon, Esq; — married to — Sydnor, of Blunston; Mary, married to Robert Jenny, of Heringfleete, and the youngest married to — Cuddon, of Shadingfeld, all in Suffolk; also one son, Henry Berney, Esq; who removed, temp. Philip and Mary, the old seat of the family, which stood near Reedham-church, into the park in Reedham, where he built a magnificent house, (yet standing) and made very large gardens to it,
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(a) Barries manor, in Rockland-Tofts, in Norfolk, went, with the Reedham estate, to the Berneys, John Berney, being possessed, in 1355, of this, and part of Kirkehall. Blomfield's Norfolk, vol. I. p. 326.

(b) Ex regist, de Stockton, qu. 24.

anno 1577, calling it Parkhall, in Reedham. He died, anno 1584, and lies buried among his ancestors, in Reedham church, having had, by Alice his wife, daughter of Roger Appleton, of Dartford, in Kent. Esq; (and Agnes, his wife, daughter of Walter Clark, of Hadley, in Suffolk, Esq; and heir to her brother, Edward,) a numerous issue.

This Henry, and Alice, his wife, lie buried in Reedham church, amongst many of his ancestors: she surviving him some years, erected in her life-time, a very handsome marble tomb, with both their effigies upon it, as also the sons behind him, and the daughters behind her, with this inscription:

Hunc Tumulum Conjux posuit dilecta Marito,
Quemq; Viro posuit, destinat ipsa sibi.

Sir Thomas Berney, Knt. (the eldest son) was high sheriff of Norfolk, 7 Jac. I. and died, anno 1616, leaving issue, by Juliana, daughter of Sir Thomas Gaudy, of Redenhall, in Norfolk, Knt. one of the justices of the common-pleas, 1591, four sons; 1. William, who married a daughter of the lord chief-justice Coke; 2. John, but neither left any issue; 3. Richard; and 4. Thomas, sheriff of Norfolk, 22 Car. I. (ancestor to the Berneys, of Swardeston.)

Richard, the third son and heir, was advanced to the dignity of a baronet, 18 Jac. I. he was high sheriff of Norfolk, 20 Jac. I. and died, 1668. By Anne, daughter of Michael Smallpage, of Chichester, in Sussex, Esq; he had issue, 1. Sir Thomas; 2. Richard Berney, of Reedham, Esq; (to whom he left about 7000l. per ann. having, on some pique, disinherited Thomas, his eldest son, to whom he gave but a slender fortune, though since well improved. This Richard, was high sheriff of Norfolk, 14 Charles II. and married the daughter of Sir Jacob Garrard, of Langford, Bart. and had issue, Rich. Berney, Esq; high sheriff, 4 William III. who died issueless, having sold the family seat, and spent very near his whole estate; which may be observed as an instance of the fatal effects consequent upon disinheriting the eldest son, contrary to the law of nature, and nations.) The third son was, John Berney, of Westwick, Esq; who married Susan, daughter of John Staines, Gent. and left issue two sons, John, and Richard. John Berney, of Westwick, Esq; the eldest son, married, first, Bridget, daughter of William Branthwait, of Hethill, Esq; and had two daughters, Julian, married to Thomas Brograve, of Hertfordshire, Esq; and Elizabeth. To his second wife, he married Elizabeth, daughter of Maurice Kendall, of Northwalsham, Esq; and left no issue. Richard Berney, Esq; second son, (late recorder of Norwich, for which city he was returned member, in the two last parliaments of Q. Anne,) married

ried Mary, daughter of Augustin Briggs, of the same city, Esq; and left issue one daughter, Elizabeth, married to Thomas Brampston, of Screens, in Essex, Esq; one of the knights of the shire for that county.

Sir Thomas Berney, of Norwich, Bart. (eldest son of Sir Richard,) by Sarah, his wife, daughter of captain Thomas Tyrrel, of Essex, (governor of Landguard fort, temp. Car. II.) had many children, of which, John Berney, of Wefenham, Esq; the third son, (married Phillippa, daughter of Thomas Browne, of Elsing, Esq; and left issue, Thomas Berney, of Lynn Regis, Esq; who married Julian, one of the daughters of Sir Richard Berney, Bart. and hath issue two sons, Thomas, and Richard.) The reverend Mr. William Berney, fourth son, (of Sir Thomas,) is of Weststead, and rector of Westwick, (who, by Mary, daughter of Henry Harcock, Gent. hath one son, the reverend Mr. William Berney, rector of Newton-Flotman, in com. Norfolk, who married Dorothy, also one of the daughters of Sir Richard Berney, Bart. by whom he hath issue.)

Sir Richard Berney, of Kirby-Bedon, Bart. (eldest son and heir of Sir Thomas,) married Dorothy, daughter of William Branthwait, of Hethill, Esq; and had issue six sons, and five daughters, viz. Sir Richard, Julian, (married to Thomas Berney, of Lynn-Regis, Esq; beforementioned,) Sir Thomas, William, Robert, Dorothy, (married to the reverend Mr. Berney, rector of Newton-Flotman in Norfolk,) Henry, John, Frances, Sarah, and Elizabeth.

Sir Richard Berney, of Kirby-Bedon, Bart. eldest son and heir, succeeded his father; and dying issueless, he was succeeded in dignity and estate by,

Sir Thomas Berney, his brother, the present baronet, (the eighteenth heir male in a lineal descent from Roger, lord of Berney,) who married Elizabeth, daughter of Simon Folkes, of Suffolk, Esq; and Elizabeth Hanson, his wife; and by her means, descended a good estate, in Barbadoes, which Sir Thomas, now enjoys. He hath had issue five children, whereof two only are now living, viz. Hanson, and Richard.

ARMS: Parted per pale, Gules and Azure. A Cross engrailed, Ermine.

CREST: Out of a ducal Coronet, a Plume of Ostriches Feathers, Argent, Azure, and Gules.

MOTTO: *Nil timere, neque timore.*

SEAT: At Kirby-Bedon, in Norfolk.

44. PAKINGTON, of Ailsbury, Buckinghamshire.

(JOHN, ESQUIRE,)

Created BARONET, June 22, 1620.

THAT the family of this name is of great antiquity, is evident from unquestionable records; neither is it to be doubted but they were so called, from the place of their abode, from one of the Pakingtons, of Staffordshire, Warwickshire, or Leicestershire; for in each of those counties we meet with lordships of that name, whose owners anciently wrote themselves, de Pakington: and that the family flourish'd in the reign of King Henry I. son of William the conqueror, is manifest from the foundation of the monastery of Kenelworth, (see Dr. Hickes's prefatory epistle to his Saxon grammar,) and a learned antiquary has observ'd, that,

Pakington (*a*), (now Pakington) in Staffordshire, within two miles of Tame, was held of the bishop, by Vtechel, in the twentieth year of William the conqueror; in Henry III's time (*b*), by Robert de Pakington; and in the twenty-fourth of Edw. I. David de Pakington, held it of the bishop, by the fourth part of a knight's fee.

Richard de Pakington (*c*), married one of the sisters and co-heirs of Robert de Kaily, lord of Freseley, in Warwickshire, who lived in King Henry II's time; and there are now in the possession (*d*) of Sir Herbert-Perrot Pakington, Bart. two ancient deeds, without date; one, of Robert Wittington, clerk, sign'd and seal'd in the presence of Peter Wyke, Hugh Pakington, and Alexander Abbetot, Knts. the other attested by Richard Spechell, and Hugh Pakington, Knts. the latest of which deeds is judged to be at least above 400 years old.

Thomas de Pakington (*e*), was prior of Burton-abbey, in com. Staff. and presided in the same, thirty-six years. He died 33 Ed. I. A. D. 1305, and was buried there.

Another Thomas de Pakington (*f*), named of Brailsford, founded a chantery in the chapel of Chelmscote, A. D. 1322. He like-

(*a*) Erdeswick's survey of Staffordshire, MS. (*b*) In Mr. Le Neve's MSS. of the baronets, vol. I. p. 131, is this entry; Robtus de Pakenton tenuit quartam partem feodi unius militis in Pakington, in com. Staff. de Rico epo Covent. tempore Hen. II. vid. certif. episc p. in libro rub. fecij, tit. Staff.—also this; Willus de Bakinton (cum B. script.) tenuit 4 feod. milit. de Hugone de Lasey, in com. Heref. temp. Hen. II. Vide lib. rub. fecij sub tit. Heref. (*c*) Sir William Dugdale's Warwickshire, vol. II. p. 1118. edit. 1730. (*d*) Vide Præfat. Dr. Hickes, ad Grammat. Anglo-Saxon.

(*e*) Monast. Angl. vol. I. p. 273. (*f*) Ibid. p. 428.

likewise founded another chantry, (22 Edw. II.) and endowed it with lands for the maintenance of four priests, within the parish of Brayles, to celebrate divine service for his lord, the earl of Warwick, his countess, children, and ancestors, as also for himself, the said Thomas, all his ancestors and kinsfolk.

Henry Abbot, of Lillethull (*a*), grants lands to Roger de Pakington, and Agnes, his wife, in Blackfordby, 13 Edw. III.

William de Pakington (*b*) was a person of great note, temp. Edw. III. being secretary and treasurer to Edward, the Black Prince, in Gascoigne, and wrote a chronicle in French, from the ninth year of King John, to 1380, his own time (*c*). Some extracts from this chronicle, have been printed at Oxford, in Mr. Leland's Collectanea, tom. i. part 2. p. 455. This William, had a grant, for life (*d*), from King Richard II. in the first year of his reign, for governor of the hospital of St. Lennard's, at Derby.

Robert Pakington, (the certain ancestor of the present Sir Herbert-Perrot Pakington, Bart.) liv'd in the reign of King Henry IV. and was father to John Pakington, Esq; recited in an office found before Robert Ruffel, escheator (*e*) of the county of Worcester, 14 Hen. VI. He had issue a son of his own name, John Pakington, Esq; who, by Elizabeth, his wife, daughter and heir to Thomas Washbourne, of Stanford, in com. Wigorn. Esq; had issue three sons, John, Robert, (ancestor to the branch we are to treat on,) and Humphrey.

John, the eldest, being brought up to the law; in the society of the Inner-temple, was, in the twenty-fourth of Henry VII. constituted chirographer of (*f*) the court of common-pleas, during life, with power to act, by sufficient deputies; and, being learned in the laws, was in 11 Henry VIII. elected lent-reader, also (*g*), in the twentieth of the same reign, treasurer of the society of the Inner-temple; in which year, he had this memorable grant from the king, 'That he, the said John Pakington (*b*), for the time ' to come, shall have full liberty, during his life, to wear his hat ' in his presence, and his successors, or of any other persons ' whatsoever, and not be uncovered on any occasion or cause ' whatsoever, against his will and good likeing: also that he shall ' not be appointed, called, or compelled, to take the order of ' knighthood, or degree, state, or order, of a baron of the exchequer, serjeant at law, or any office or incumbrance thereto relating. And farther, out of his abundant grace, grants, that ' if

(*a*) Collections from Sir John Levison's evidences, by Mr. Francis Thynne, penes Joh. Anstis, Arm. Gart. Reg. Arm. (*b*) J. Pitt de Script. Angl. Fuller's Worthies, p. 174. Bp. Nicholson's Histor. Lib. P. i. p. 66, 67. (*c*) Vide MS. Nero. c. 3. p. 194. in Bib. Cotton. (*d*) Patt. i. R. II. p. i. (*e*) Abington's Antiq. of Worcestershire, MS. (*f*) Pat. 24. ii. VII. P. i. M. 2. (*g*) Sir William Dagdale's Orig. Jurid. (*h*) Patent, 28 H. VIII. part 2, in the chapel of the rolls,

' if he be chosen to any offices, incumbrances, or honours afore-
 ' said, and those shall refuse to take, that he shall neither incur,
 ' forfeit, or lose, for such contempt, any loss, pain, forfeiture, or
 ' other issues, fines, amercements, or redemptions whatsoever,
 ' on occasion of omission, refusal of taking, or non-omission;
 ' likewise that this charter of exemption, sole produc'd before any
 ' of the justices, treasurer, or barons of the exchequer of the king,
 ' or his successors, or in any place, or court of record throughout
 ' the whole kingdom, shall be sufficient, without any other writ,
 ' precept, mandate, or any other proclamation made. Whereof
 ' all justices, judges, barons of the exchequer, sheriffs, escheators,
 ' coroners, mayors, provosts, bailiffs, and all other officers, and
 ' ministers; and his leige and faithful people are commanded to
 ' take notice, and not to disturb, molest, or grieve the said John
 ' Pakington, against the tenour of this grant, or effect of these
 ' presents; any statute, act, ordinance, or proviso, made or pub-
 ' lished to the contrary, or any other cause or matter whatsoever.
 ' Signed by the king himself, at Westminster, the 5th of April,
 ' the year aforesaid.' In 23 Henry VIII. he was called to be
 ferjeant at law (*a*), for which the king gives him (the 6th of
 June (*b*), the same year) a special discharge for taking the said
 degree; and having been appointed a justice of North-Wales,
 was, in 26 Henry VIII. (*c*) commission'd to conclude and com-
 pound all forfeitures, offences, fines, and sums of money, owing
 to the king, or his father Henry VII. by any persons bound by
 recognisance for their good behaviour or peace. In 29 Hen. VIII.
 he had a new grant (*d*) of the office of chirographer of the court
 of common-pleas, and put in the life of Richard Higham, with
 his own; also in 33 Henry VIII. had a patent for justice (*e*) of
 Brecknock, Glamorgan, and Radnor, in South-Wales, during
 life: having a grant of all the manors belonging (*f*) to the mo-
 nastery of Westwood, in com. Wigorn. he, for the use of his
 wife, settled them on George Rolle (*g*), in 34 Hen. VIII. And
 when his majesty, in the thirty-sixth year of his reign, was in
 France, obtain'd the favour from Catherine (*h*), the queen, ge-
 neral governess of the kingdom, to stay at home, tho', (as the
 words of the patent import) he was oblig'd in duty to attend the
 king, against his common enemy, the French king: and imme-
 diately after his majesty's return from Bulloign (*i*), he had the
 honour of knighthood conferr'd on him. He had likewise the of-
 fice of recorder of the city of Worcester; and at the time of his
 death, anno 2 Eliz. was seiz'd of thirty-one manors, and of other
 lands

(*a*) Orig. Jurid. præd.
26 H. VIII.

(*b*) Privat. sigill. 23 H. VIII.

(*c*) Ibid. 12 Juny,

(*d*) Pat. 29 H. VIII. p. 4.

(*e*) Pat. 33 H. VIII. p. 5.

(*f*) Dr. Hickes's Præfat. ad Grammat. Anglo-Saxon.

(*g*) Pat. 34 H. VIII. p. 5.

(*h*) Pat. 36 H. 8. p. 8.

(*i*) Nom. Equit. in Bibl. Cotton Claudius, C. 3.

lands that he had purchased of seventy several persons, as appears from a large book concerning his estate, now among the evidences of the family, at Westwood. The antiquary, Leland, takes (*a*) notice, that he resided at a very goodly new house of brick, called Hampton-court, six miles from Worcester, somewhat northward; which lordship (*b*), was purchased of the lord Mountjoy. By his last testament, bearing date the 16th of August, 1551, he bestows several charities on the poor of the several parishes wherein he had lands, and besides other bequests to his children, his cousins Baskerville, and Lambert, &c. he gives to 100 virgins, 13s. 4d. for their marriage portions, and desires his body may be buried in the church of Hampton-Lovet; which was comply'd with, as appears by a monument erected there to his memory, tho' time has worn out the inscription.

His lady was, Anne, widow of——Tychbourne (*c*), and of the family of Rolle, who, by her last will, (1563) 'bequeaths her body' (*d*) to be buried in the parish-church where she shall end her life, and that her executors cause a tomb of marble to be set over her, to the value of 20 marks, or more: orders black gowns of cloth, or good frieze, to forty poor men and women; also to poor maidens of that parish she is buried in, for their marriage, 20l. and 12d. to every poor householder; and to all other people coming to her burial, 2d. each. Wills that her executors purchase lands and tenements, to the yearly value of 4l. that 20d. may for ever be given, every Sunday, to five poor folks in that parish she is bury'd in. She leaves legacies to John Rolle, Christian Courtenay, and other children of her brother Rolle; and to her son, Nicholas Tychbourne, and his children, the most of her estate, plate, and jewels, &c.

She left the company of cloth-workers (by will, 24 November, 1559,) lands and tenements in Ilington, of the yearly value, above all charges, of 16l. 16s. 9d. (now raised to 200l. per ann.) to distribute annually, 3l. 13s. 4d. to the poor of the parish of St. Dunstan's in the west, London, wherein she was born; and 6s. 8d. for a sermon; and to the poor of the parish she should be buried in, 8l. annually; whereof 3l. for finding poor men's children to school and learning, and the other 5l. to the poor, and the rest to the company for their pains, except 6s. 8d. for an annual sermon, on the day of her burial. And dying the 22d of

August,

(*a*) Leland's Coll. vol. VII. p. 17.

(*b*) Abington's antiq. Worcestershire, MS.

(*c*) In a MS. penes T. W. it says, Sir John Pakington, Knt. married Anne, daughter of Henry Dacres, late sheriff of London, and widow of Robert Fairthwayte, of London, merchant-taylor, and that she was buried at St. Buttolph's, 22 Aug. 1507, but does not mention her as widow of Tychbourne, (tho' she might be so too) or say, whether first or second wife to Sir John; but it don't appear that he had any more than one wife. (*d*) Regitt. vocat. Stevenfon, in curia prerog. Cant.

August, 1563, was buried in the east end of the chancel of St. Buttolph's, Aldersgate-street, London, with this inscription (a):

Here under this Tomb, lieth the Body of Dame Anne Pakington, Widdow, late Wife of Sir John Pakington, Knt. late Chirographer in the Court of Common-Pleas; which Dame Anne, deceased the 22d Day of August, in the Year of our Lord God, 1563.

The great estate this Sir John Pakington left, was divided between his daughters, and his two younger brothers, Robert, and Humphrey. Ursula, his eldest daughter, married Sir John Scudamore, Knt. of whom descended the late lord viscount Scudamore, whose daughter and sole heir, is the present dutchess of Beaufort; and Bridget, married Sir John Lyttelton, of Frankley, in com. Wigorn. Knt. ancestor to the present Sir Thomas Lyttelton, Bart.

Humphry Pakington, youngest brother of Sir John, was a merchant of London; and left an only son, John, who was of Harvington, in Worcestershire; which line expir'd in two daughters, great heiresses; one of them married Sir John Yate, Bart. the other, Sir Henry Audley, Knt.

Mr. Abington, in his MS. of Worcestershire, in Hampton-Lovet, mentions, 'That Sir John Pakington, Knt. purchased Hampton-Lovet of the lord Montjoye, and lyes intombed in that church. Nowe, (says he) that I maye course the name and family of Pakington, I must compare it to the risinge sun, which incountred with cloudes, sometimes breakethe out, and is sometimes obscured, tyll overcominge hys adversary, he shynethe bryghtly, for in the raigne of King Henry the firste, I have reade of the name, in the foundation of Kenilworth priory, but many yeeres after, the name of Pakington, is more properly mentioned, in Chelmscote, Pakington's lordship, in Brayle, co. War. for dedicating a chantrye theare, an. Do. 1322, wheare you maye reade of Sir Thomas Pakington, in the registry of the priory of Worcester. And to come home, the family of Pakington (as far as I can yet see) appeared fyrst with us, by marryinge a daughter of the ancient knyghtly house of Washborn, towards the later end of the raygne of Edward the thyrd, or beginninge of Richard the second; (see Stanford Esturmy.) After thys, John Pakington, is recyted heere, in an office found before Robert Russel, escheator of thys shyre, 14 Hen. VI. and then laid private till Sir John Pakington, Knt. aforesaid, the son of John Pakington, and Margaret Bulvinch, a family refydinge ancientlye, at the Berrowe, in the parische of Astley,

(a) Stow's survey of London, vol. I. b. 3. p. 114.

‘ Astley, and most anciently knowne in Wych, purchas’d by hys
 ‘ learninge in the common lawes favor with King Henry the
 ‘ eyght, and grewe to suche an heygthe as from hys house are
 ‘ now descended, one viscount, and towre baronets. The fyrst,
 ‘ Sir John Scudamore, of Home-Lacy, co. Heref. viscount Slego,
 ‘ heyre, in the fourthe degree, to Ursula, daughter and coheyre
 ‘ of thys Sir John Pakington; the second, Sir Thomas Lytelton,
 ‘ of Frankeley, com. Wigorn. baronet, heyre, in the same degree,
 ‘ to Briget, daughter and coheyre of the same knyght; the thyrd,
 ‘ Sir John Pakington, of Hampton-Lovet, baronet, heyre, in
 ‘ the same fourthe degree, to Robert Pakington, thyrd brother
 ‘ of that greate Sir John Pakington, whych knyght, besides fayre
 ‘ lands, and large portions, distributed between hys towre daugh-
 ‘ ters and coheys, leaft Hampton-Lovet, with other revenues,
 ‘ to Sir Thomas Pakington, knyght, son and heyre of this Robert
 ‘ Pakington, and father of Sir John Pakington, who flourished
 ‘ once in Queen Elizabeth’s court. Neyther yet dyd owld Sir
 ‘ John Pakington, neglect hys second brother, Humfrey Paking-
 ‘ ton, but allso bestowed bountifullly on hym, who seated hym-
 ‘ selfe in Chadesley-Corbet, wheare hys sonne, not ambitious of
 ‘ tytells, but of virtewes, securely lived, and blessedly dyed.’

Robert Pakington, the next brother of Sir John, beforemen-
 tioned, was one of the members of parliament for the city of Lon-
 don, temp. Hen. VIII. and barbarously murdered in the street,
 1537, as he was going to church, for he then opposed the papists,
 and (a) was shot by them, and by his last will and testament (b),
 bearing date the 25th of Novemb. 1535, (the probat whereof, is
 on the 24th of April, 1537,) it appears, that he forsook the su-
 perstitious errors of the church of Rome, in those times, when
 many suffered on account of their religion; for in the preamble,
 are these remarkable expressions: *First, he bequeaths his soul to*
Almighty God that created it, trusting to him only, by the merits of
Jesus Christ, for the salvation of his soul, and his body to be buried
where it shall please God. ‘ He ordains his well-beloved brother,
 ‘ Humphry Pakington, and his well-beloved wife, Catherine,
 ‘ executors; and his brother, John Pakington, and his father-
 ‘ in-law, Sir John Baldwin, overseers; desiring the former, to
 ‘ be a good uncle and father to his little children, and especially
 ‘ to see them have their learning; and the latter, a good grand-
 ‘ father, and to use them as his own. He bequeaths to his wife,
 ‘ the profits of all his lands, till the heir, or heirs of the same,
 C c 2 ‘ come

(a) Ex infor. Dom. Joh. Pakington, Barti.—Tho’ Stow, vol. i. b. 3. p. 29, says,
 (probably by mistake) Robert Pakenton, mercer, slain with a gun, as he was going to
 morrow mass, from his house in Cheape, to St. Thomas of Acan, in the year 1536; the
 murderer was never discover’d, but by his own confession, made when he came to the gal-
 lows, at Banbury, to be hang’d for felony. (b) E lib. vocat Dingley, qu. 4. in curia
 prerog. Cant.

' come to full age or ages, and gives 10l. to the parish of Wynd, where his father did dwell; 10l. to the poor of the parish of Stamford, where he was born; twenty pounds to the marriages of poor maidens, at ten shillings apiece, and twenty pound to poor householders.' He had issue by the said Catherine, one of the coheirs of Sir John Baldwin, Knt. lord chief-justice of the common-pleas, and——his wife, daughter of William Dormer, of Wycombe, in Bucks, Esq; (by this match came the manor of Ailsbury, in com. Bucks, with other considerable lands) an only son, Thomas, and three daughters, viz. Elizabeth, wife of John Lane, Esq; and afterwards of Sir Richard Mallory, Knt. alderman of London; Anne, wife of Richard Cupper, of Glympton, in com. Oxon. Esq; and Margaret, of Benedict Lee, of Burston, in com. Bucks, and afterwards, of Thomas Scot, of the county of York, Esqrs.

Thomas, son and heir to the said Robert, was in ward to the lord privy-seal, in 37 Henry VIII. when Catherine, his mother, then twenty-three years of age, was found one of the coheirs to Sir John Baldwin, (who died the 22d of December, the same year) he received the honour of knighthood from Queen Mary (*a*), and on the death of his uncle, Sir John, succeeded to a great estate. He was sheriff of the county of Worcester, in 3 Elizabeth, and dying the 2d of June, at Bath-place, in Holbourn (*b*), anno 12 Eliz. 1571, was convey'd to Ailsbury, in great pomp, (the officers of the college of arms, attending his corps) and buried in the parish-church there. His lady, who survived him, was daughter of Sir Thomas Kitson, of Hengrave, in com. Suff. Knt. (and afterwards marrying Thomas Tasmagh, Esq;) died (*c*) in the sixty-fifth year of her age, A. D. 1575. The chief mourners at his funeral were, Sir John Pakington, his son and heir, Sir William Cordell, Sir John Spencer, Mr. Burlacy, and Mr. Cowper. This Sir Thomas (*d*), had five sons, of which, only John, the eldest, surviv'd his father; and three daughters; Mary, married to Sir Walter Long, of Draycot, in com. Wilts, Knt. Catherine, to John Davis, of the same county, Esq; secondly, to Sir Jasper Moor, and lastly, to Sir —— Mompeffon, of Teddington, in com. Wilts, Knts. and Margaret, to Thomas Litchfield, Esq; gentleman of the privy-chamber to Queen Elizabeth.

This Sir John Pakington, who was bred at Christ-church, in Oxford, under the tuition of Dr. Lewis, dean of Gloucester, became a great favourite of Queen Elizabeth's, and one of her privy-council (*e*). She first took notice of him in her progress to Worcester, when she invited him to attend her court, where he liv'd,

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(*a*) Nem. Equit. præd. (*b*) Bibl. Hartley, 81. b. 24. fol. 179. (*c*) Inscriptio tumuli in cancel. de Horridge. in com. Bucks. (*d*) Pedigrees, MS. 1. 8. penes J. Anstons, Arm. (*e*) Vita ejus MS. penes Dom. Joh. Pakington, Bar.

at his own expence, in great splendor and reputation, with an equipage not inferior to some of her greatest officers, tho' he had no other honour besides that of knight of the Bath, which was conferr'd on him in the life-time of his father.

He was remarkable for his stature and comely personage, and, by his ability in all manly exercises, had distinguish'd himself to that degree, that he was generally call'd by the name of Lusty Pakington: of which, among many instances, it may not be amiss to mention this one; he enter'd into articles to swim against three noble courtiers, for 3000l. from the bridge at Westminster, to the bridge at Greenwich; but the queen, by her special command, prevented the putting it in execution. I find him, likewise, among persons of the first quality, that, for the honour of the queen, tilted at Westminster (a), at a solemn tournament, (her majesty present) on the anniversary of her accession to the crown, the 17th of November, in the twenty-fourth year of her reign.

It could not be otherwise imagin'd, but that by this expensive life, great debts must be contracted, which, in time, would bring him into difficulties. Of this he was so sensible, that he took a sudden and wise resolution of retiring into the country, and, as he said himself, *would feed on bread and verjuice, till he had made up his extravagancies.* The queen soon had notice of it, and therefore, taking into consideration these his ill circumstances, which the zeal for her service had brought him into, gave him a grant of a gentleman's estate, in Suffolk, of 8 or 900l. per ann. besides goods and chattels, which had escheated to the crown: but Sir John, after he had been in the country to take possession, found too great a tenderness in his nature, (notwithstanding the bad condition of his affairs) to behold the miseries of that distressed family, without a due regard and compassion for them; and the melancholy spectacle of the sorrowful lady and her children, so effectually wrought upon him, that, with the greatest generosity, he repair'd immediately to court, and humbly beseech'd her majesty to excuse him from enriching himself by the calamities of that gentleman, who fell by a combination of his enemies, and would not leave the queen till he had obtain'd his request.

Soon after, he left the court, but before he parted from the town, he took care to satisfy all his creditors; and then, with great reputation and honour, he began his journey into the country, being handsomely attended with servants and tenants, to the number of sixty, well mounted and accoutred, who came purposely out of the country to pay him this complement, and waited at the court-gates, while he was taking leave of the queen.

After his settlement in the country, her majesty was not un-

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(a) E lib. MS. in Museo Ashmol. dors. 845. p. 165.

mindful of him, for she, to repair his fortune, granted him, for sixty (*a*) years (in the twenty-fifth year of her reign) for his faithful and acceptable services heretofore done, (stiling him her trusty and well-beloved servant) several lordships, manors, and lands, that were come to the crown by forfeiture, &c. in Devonshire, Gloucestershire, Leicestershire, Lancaster, and Cornwall, Somersetshire, Hertfordshire, Yorkshire, Surry, Cambridgshire, Carmarthenshire, Middlesex, London, Wiltshire, Monmouthshire, Essex, and Buckinghamshire; the names of which lands and manors, with their former owners, are particularly mention'd in the patent: also, when the earl of Pembroke was (*b*) made lord-president of the marches of Wales, and lord-lieutenant of the adjacent counties, he was put in the same patent, lieutenant of Worcestershire, and upon the vacancy of the office of *custos rotulorum*, that was likewise conferr'd upon him: she also made him bow-bearer of Malverne-chace, one of the best in England, which he held till he had finished his noble park at Hampton-Lovet, and then, that chace being at too great a distance from his dwelling, he obtain'd her majesty's leave to dispose of it.

He was in her favour even to the last of her days, as appears as well from other testimonies, as from a grant she made him for eight years, (in the fortieth year of her reign (*c*), he paying into the exchequer, 40*l.* per ann.) That none should import into the kingdom, or make any starch, but by his leave, or his assigns; and if they did, they should be punish'd with the utmost severity, as contemnners of her royal prerogative: which brought him in (without doubt) a very considerable revenue.

He was constantly the first nam'd in all commissions of importance, and was the principal director in the government of his county, none being thought more worthy of an intire confidence, by the queen and her council, than himself. And as he took all imaginable care to answer their expectation, by his diligence and fidelity, so he was not wanting to convince his country, that their interest was always at his heart.

By his affability and obliging behaviour, he acquir'd the good opinion of his equals and inferiors; and by his courage and resolution, on all proper occasions, he had render'd himself awful, even to those who were above him: a memorable proof of which, he gave his country, when he executed the office of sheriff; for the lord chief-baron Periam, having committed a gentleman at the assizes, Sir John, sitting in his sheriff's seat, call'd to him to stay, telling the judge, he would answer for his forth-coming; neither could he be dissuaded, by all the menaces he received from the bench, from adhering to this resolution, boldly alledging, in
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(*a*) Pat. 25 Eliz. p. 5.
p. 16.

(*b*) Vita ejus MS. præd.

(*c*) Pat. 40 Eliz.

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his defence, that the gentleman was his prisoner, and he, as sheriff, was accountable for him. This brave reply, very much increas'd the esteem his country had for him, and gain'd a general applause throughout the kingdom.

His prudence and conduct did not only extricate him out of those difficulties, in which his court-life had involv'd him, but, in a short time, put so much money into his pocket, that he was enabled to become what he intended to be, a great builder.

He bought at one time, so much timber of the earl of Leicester, out of the forest of Wire, (which borders upon Worcestershire and Shropshire) that the very marking them, at 4d. per tree, one with another, amounted to 48l. This, Mr. Tomkins, prebendary of Worcester, a gentleman of good credit, who personally knew this knight, and has left MS memoirs of his life, (now in the family) from which this account is chiefly collected, affirms to have received from Sir John's own mouth, who, he assures us, was a person of too much honour to allow himself the least liberty in his discourse, which was not consistent with the strictest truth. Many of those trees he buried under ground, thinking thereby to keep out the fresh springs that broke in upon his brine-pits; but that undertaking did not answer his expectation, and the expence which his salt-pits and costly buildings had oblig'd him to, hindered him from making an addition to his estate by purchase, which (as my author writes) would (a) undoubtedly have extended to a good part of the shire wherein he liv'd, had he thought fit to have employ'd his money to that purpose.

He did not seek after marriage till he had paid all his debts, and clear'd his estate; and then he was so happy as to meet with a beautiful young widow, in London, and a great fortune, being the daughter of Mr. Humphry Smith, of Cheapside, Queen Elizabeth's silk-man, of an ancient family, yet flourishing, in Leicestershire. She had been before married to Benedict Barnham, Esq; one of the aldermen of London, who left her a very rich widow; and that consideration, together with her youth and beauty, made it impossible for her to escape the addresses, even of the greatest persons about the court: but Sir John, was the only happy man who knew how to gain her, being recommended by his worthy friend, Mr. William Seabright, town-clerk of London, who had purchased (b) the manor of Besford, in Worcestershire. This lady, had by her first husband (the alderman) four daughters, which were very young when they lost their father, and therefore needed a faithful friend to manage and improve their fortunes; in which trust, Sir John acquitted himself so honourably, that they had 10000l. each, for their portion, when they came to marry, an immense sum in those days. One of these ladies was wedded to

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(a) Mr. Tomkins præd.

(b) Abington's antiquities of Worcestershire, MS.

my lord Audley ; another, to Sir Francis Bacon, lord viscount St. Albans ; a third, to Sir William Soames, and the fourth, to Sir William Constable. When he had done this service to his daughters-in-law, he took care to do a piece of justice to himself, which indeed, was also a great argument of his wisdom, by getting his accounts pass'd in chancery, and obtaining an effectual discharge there, which could not be otherwise esteem'd, than as a publick testimony of his honesty and integrity.

The design of this work obliging me to brevity, I cannot therefore transcribe all the memorable passages of his life, which Mr. Tomkins has recorded to his honour : but it appears that he had a spirit truly great and noble, which discover'd itself upon every proper occasion ; for, as his ends and designs were always generous, and such as became a man of honour, so he scorn'd to compass them by base and unworthy means ; he had a regard to his reputation in every thing that he did, which had this inseparable effect, that the whole scene of his life was nothing else but a continued series of bright and laudable actions.

It is not to be deny'd, but his sense of injuries was somewhat too nice, and (which is a frailty the manliest tempers are often subject to) he knew not how to bear a neglect from his superiors with that submission which was usually expected. This was sufficiently evident from the following story : upon the death of the earl of Pembroke, King James appointed the lord Zouch, his successor in the presidentship of the marches of Wales, &c. which lord, as soon as he had obtain'd his commission, sent his letters of deputation, to the gentlemen of Worcestershire, and among the rest, to Sir John Pakington, to be one of the lieutenants of that county ; but Sir John, finding that the lord Zouch, did not shew him the same respect as his predecessor did, (for he had the honour to be particularly nam'd a lieutenant, in the same patent the earl of Pembroke had) refus'd to take the letter of deputation from the messenger, telling him, *That he had an estate as well as his master, and did not mean to venture it in mustering the king's subjects, with no better a warrant than that which was only sign'd by his lord's hand.* And tho' on all other occasions, his bounty and generosity extended to the meanest, yet, on this, he never ask'd the messenger to eat or drink : but nothing could be a greater proof of the haughtiness of his stomach, than his behaviour in relation to his fish-pond.

As he had been at great expences in building his house very sumptuously, so he was desirous that every thing about it should be as noble, therefore, he caus'd a large pool, or canal, of 122 acres, to be made in his new park of Westwood, and brought a brook, or river, to run into it, cut through a considerable extent of ground : but the misfortune was, this great design could

not be effected without making the highways part of the pond ; which, indeed, the country very willingly consented to, Sir John, having taken care to provide a more convenient road for them. However, it appear'd soon after, that this grant was defective in point of law, which one of his neighbours observing, and thinking either to mortify Sir John, or ingratiate himself with him, got an order from the exchequer to destroy his pool, and restore the highway as it was before ; yet at the time of serving the order, signify'd, that it was not his intention to give him any molestation, but, if he pleas'd, his pond might continue, without the least apprehension of disturbance from him. But, Sir John, scorning to hold any thing of curtesy from such a neighbour, and that he might know how little he valu'd him, went immediately to the pool, caus'd the flood-gates to be tore up, and the banks to be thrown down, whereby the water went out with such rapidity, that surpriz'd the neighbourhood, dispers'd great quantities of fish about the country, and the river of Severn, at Worcester, was discolour'd for a week. Soon after, this matter was finally determined to Sir John's satisfaction, by recree of the first quality in the county, viz. Gervase, bishop of Worcester, John Talbot, of Grafton, Esq; and Mr. Sheldon, of Beely ; he repair'd his pool again, and left it in the condition in which it has continued ever since.

He was a gentleman that knew how to value his time, ; and as he had the happiness of a good memory, he took care to improve it with observations in history and physick, which were parts of learning he most delighted in ; and for that purpose, he was provided with one to read to him, in those sciences, at his leisure hours.

This appetite after knowledge, naturally inclin'd him to love the conversation of learned men, which he often consulted in difficulties, and by that means, daily inform'd and perfected his judgment.

In the choice of his friends, he did not forget the clergy ; with the most eminent of which body, the neighbourhood of the city of Worcester, gave him an opportunity of settling a lasting correspondence, which was evident from the frequent visits made him by the bishop, the dean, and prebendaries of that church. These visits were far from being barely formal and ceremonious ; for, upon such occasions, he would usually lament to them the ill condition of the church, the dangers that threatned it, as well from the puritans as the papists, and the subject of their discourse often was, how to provide remedies against those evils ; for the interest of the establish'd church was his grand concern ; to this he was resolv'd to sacrifice every thing that was dear to him, and he scorn'd to enjoy the friendship of the greatest man living, upon
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terms that were not to her advantage. This, the earl of Leicester, experienc'd; for, as great as his power was with the queen, he found it very little with this gentleman, when he ask'd a favour of him in behalf of Cartwright, (whom Camben calls (*a*), *inter puritanos antesignanus*) in opposition to the authority of the bishop of Worcester. He was so far from complying with the earl, that he did his utmost to disappoint him; and when afterwards that great peer wrote to Sir John, that it was her majesty's desire to have a perfect discovery of the value of the lands belonging to the bishoprick of Worcester, together with those of the dean and chapter, and how they may best be improved, Sir John, flatly and plainly told him, that if there was any intent to overthrow the church, he must look out for other instruments for that purpose, being resolv'd, for his own part, to have no hand in any such attempts.

It was one great part of his happiness, that there was a set of gentlemen in his neighbourhood, worthy of his acquaintance and familiarity: with these he liv'd in a very friendly and hospitable manner, and he was never better pleas'd than when he had some of their company at his table. The persons of greatest note, with whom he contracted an intimacy, were, the bishop of Worcester, at Hartlebury; Mr. Talbot, at Grafton; my lord Windsor, at Hewell; Sir John Lyttelton, at Frankley; Mr. Sheldon, at Beoly; Mr. Throgmorton, at Coughton; old Sir Foulk Greville, at Beauchamp's-court; Sir John Conway, at Arrow; Sir Thomas Lucy, at Charlecote; Mr. Thomas Spencer, at Claverdon, and Sir Edward Grevill, at Milcote.

His ordinary house-keeping was such as became a gentleman of a plentiful fortune; and in his entertainments, he lov'd to shew he valu'd his friends more than his money, for they were generally very costly and noble.

After he had finish'd his stately structure at Westwood, (a very delightful habitation, in the midst of a wood, from whence it took its name) he invited the earl of Northampton, lord president, and his lady, to a house-warming; and as his lordship was an honourable and jovial companion, a train of above an hundred knights and gentlemen, accompanied him, who staid there some time, and, at their going away, acknowledg'd they had met with so kind a reception, *that they did not know whether they had possess'd the place, or the place them*: the delightful situation of his habitation, was what they had never before seen, the house standing in the middle of a wood, that is cut into twelve large ridings, and at a good distance, one ring-riding through all of them, and the whole encompassed with a park of six or seven miles, at the farther end whereof, facing the house, is the pool, or canal (before-mentioned)

(*a*) Annal. Reg. Eliz. anno 1581.

mentioned) of 122 acres, which gives a noble lustre, the trees gracing the water, and the water the woods.

His most magnificent entertainment was that which he gave King James, and his queen, (with the greatest train that ever accompanied them) at Ailsbury, when his majesty honour'd him with a visit, after his arrival from Scetland, and before his coronation; upon this occasion he set no bounds to his expence, thinking it a disparagement to be out-done by any fellow-subject, when such an opportunity offer'd; and the king and the whole court acknowledg'd, they never met with a more noble reception.

At length, this great man having lived to see his children's children, departed this life, at his house at Westwood, in the seventy-seventh year of his age, and was interr'd near his father, at Ailsbury, on the 18th of January, 1625. A year before his death, he was seiz'd with a fit of the gout, which distemper, at last put an end to his life; otherwise, he was very happy in a strong and excellent constitution of body, which had never met with any shock, till about the year before Queen Elizabeth died, and then she did him the honour to order her own physicians to attend him, designing to have taken him again to court, which her death prevented.

Sir Robert Naunton, a privy-counsellor, gives this character (among others of Queen Elizabeth's favourites and counsellors) of him (a), 'he was a gentleman of no mean family, and of form and feature no way despicable, for he was a brave gentleman, and a very fine courtier, and for the time which he staid there, (which was not lasting) very high in the queen's grace. But he came in, and went out, and through disaffinity, drew the curtain between himself and the light of her grace. And then death overwhelmed the remnant, and utterly deprived him of recovery; and they say of him, that had he brought less to her court than he did, he might have carry'd away more than he brought; for he had a time on it, but an ill husband of opportunity.' Mr. Lloyd, in the lives of the statesmen and favourites of England, since the reformation, says (b), 'His handsome features took the most, and his neat parts, the wisest at court. He could smile ladies to his service, and argue statesmen to his design, with equal ease. His reason was powerful, his beauty more. Never was a brave soul more bravely seated: nature bestowed great parts on him, education polished him to an admirable frame of prudence and virtue. Queen Elizabeth, called him, her Temperance; and Leicester, his Modesty. It is a question to this day, whether his resolution took the soldiers, his prudence the politicians, his compliance the favourites, his complaisance the courtiers, his piety the clergy, his integrity

(a) *Fragmenta regalia*, pag. 55.

(b) P. 432.

‘tegrity and condescension the people, or his knowledge the learned, most? This new court-star was a nine-days wonder, engaging all eyes, until it set satisfied with its own glory. He came to court, he said, as Solomon did, to see its vanity; and retired, as he did, to repent it. It was he who said first, what bishop Sanderfon urged afterwards, *That a sound faith was the best divinity, a good conscience the best law, and temperance the best physick.* Sir John Pakington, in Queen Elizabeth’s time, was virtuous and modest, and Sir John Pakington, in King Charles’s time, loyal and valiant; the one did well, the other suffered so: Greenham, was his favourite, Hammond, his; the one, had a competent estate, and was contented; the other, hath a large one, and is noble: this suppresseth factions in the kingdom, the other, composed them in the court, and was called by courtiers, Moderation. Westmerland, tempted his fidelity, and Norfolk, his steadfastness: but he died in his bed, an honest and an happy man.’

His lady surviv’d him, and so noted for her riches, that it was difficult for her long to escape the snares laid for her by the court, to engage her in another marriage. She had first, the lord Killmurry, who lived about two years; then she married Thomas, earl of Kelly, one of King James’s favourites.

By Sir John Pakington, she had one son, John, and two daughters; Mary, the youngest, was wife of Sir Robert Brook, of Nacton, in Suffolk, Knt. and Anne, the eldest, married Sir Humphry Ferrers, of Tamworth, Knt. (a) and surviving him, was afterwards the second wife of Philip, (Stanhope) earl of Chesterfield.

John Pakington, Esq; the only son of Sir John Pakington, Knt. beforementioned, had the estate at Ailsbury, settled on him by his father, soon after his marriage, (tho’ he contracted it without the old gentleman’s consent) who likewise procured him to be created a baronet, when he was but twenty years of age, by letters patents bearing date the 22d of June, A. D. 1620. He resided at Ailsbury, in com. Bucks, for which town he was elected in the parliament, 21 Jac. I. was peculiarly esteem’d, and dying generally lamented, in the twenty-fourth year of his age, was buried with his ancestors, at Ailsbury, the 29th of October, in the year 1624, [the church-register gives him the character of the hopes of Ailsbury;] leaving issue by the lady Frances, his wife (b), daughter to Sir John Ferrers, of Tamworth, Knt. John, his only son, and a daughter, married first to colonel Washington, and secondly, to Samuel Sandys, of Ombersley, in com. Wigorn. Esq; The lady Frances, their mother, was, by a second marriage, the wife of that noted general, Alexander Lesley, earl of Leven.

Sir John Pakington, Bart. only son and heir of the last Sir John, succeeded in the title and estate, and resided at Westwood, after

(a) Dugdale’s Warw. vol. II. p. 1136.

(b) Ibid.

after his grandfather's decease, who left him, in his minority, [at (a) the age of four years, four months, and six days,] under the guardianship of Thomas, lord Coventry, keeper of the great seal of England, by whose vigilant care of his education, both by travel, and other advantages, he became an accomplish'd gentleman, and gain'd the love and esteem of all that knew him.

He was elected one of the knights for Worcesterfhire, in 15 Car. I. (b) and when the rebellion broke out, was a member in parliament for the town of Ailsbury; and having, on all occasions, given proofs, both of his fidelity to the crown, and the rights of the subject, was entrusted by the king, in the year 1642, (on the houses passing an ordinance for settling the militia in such hands as they could confide in) with a commission for arraying men for his service, in Worcesterfhire, to which his majesty appointed none, in the several counties, but persons of the first quality, and unexceptionable to the publick, having charged the ordinance beforementioned, to be against law.

Sir John Pakington, endeavouring with all his power, to execute this commission (c), was taken prisoner, and committed to the Tower, fin'd five thousand pound, had his estate sequestred, and for his loyalty and services in the king's cause, his house in Buckinghamfhire, (one of the best of that county) level'd with the ground, and such great wafts committed in his woods, that the loss could never be computed. But the estimate of his sufferings is more clearly demonstrated, by a particular account kept by his excellent lady, now remaining under her own hand, a true copy whereof follows, viz.

	l.	s.	d.
The first composition	5000	0	0
Charges of the first composition	500	0	0
The second composition	1000	0	0
The charges of the second composition	300	0	0
Paid for the personal estate in Worcesterfhire	108	0	0
Sequestration in Bucks six years	7200	0	0
Sequestration in Worcesterfhire three years	1000	0	0
Sequestration of Mr. P—— two years	800	0	0
Heydon-hill, and the toll of the market in Ailsbury, thirteen years	1900	0	0
Two years decimation	400	0	0
Charges of the arraignment at his tryal	400	0	0
Money spent by him when he went first into the army	500	0	0
Charges of the Tower, when he was there	800	0	0
Charges of the suit for recovery of toll and Heydon-hill	240	0	0
Repairs of Westwood house after the Scots	200	0	0
Total	20348	0	0

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(a) Inq. post mort. Dom. Joh. Pakington, 15 Feb. R. Car. I. primo.
penes Brown Wills, Arm.

(c) Rushworth Collect. vol. III. p. 686.

(b) MS.

His zeal to the royal family never swerv'd; for notwithstanding he had suffer'd so much for his loyalty, he had the courage to go in, with a troop of horse, to King Charles II. at the battle of Worcester, and was taken prisoner (a) there, yet was so entirely belov'd in his own country, that when the rebels try'd him for his life, by commissioners appointed for that purpose, (upon an indictment of his raising and heading a troop at the battle of Worcester) (b) they could not procure one witness to swear against him, by which means he was acquitted, and set at liberty, but was afterwards fin'd 7670 l. and forc'd, (on petition of Thomas Scot, and others, of the town of Ailsbury, to have the fine granted them for their services to the then pretended parliament) for the said fine, to convey the market-house, the tolls, court-leet, and certain grounds call'd Heydon-hill, parcel of his estate at Ailsbury to the said Scot, (who was one of the king's judges) and other trustees, for the use of the town, which they kept 'till after the restoration, when, by a special act of parliament, the said conveyances were made void.

His lady was one of the daughters of the aforesaid Thomas, lord Coventry, keeper of the great seal of England, the most accomplish'd person of her sex for learning, and the brightest example of her age for wisdom and piety. Her letters, and other discourses still remaining in the family, and the hands of her friends, are an admirable proof of her excellent genius and vast capacity; (c) and as she has the reputation of being thought the author of *The Whole Duty of Man*, so none that knew her well, and were competent judges of her abilities, could in the least doubt of her being equal to such an undertaking, tho' her modesty would not suffer her to claim the honour of it: but as the manuscript under her own hand now remains (d) with the family, there's hardly room to doubt it.

By her great virtues and eminent attainments in knowledge, she acquir'd the esteem of all our learned divines, particularly Dr. Hammond, Bp. Morley, Bp. Fell, Bp. Pearson, Bp. Henchman, and Bp. Gunning, who were ever ready to confess they were always edify'd by her conversation, and instructed by her writings. These learned and pious Gentlemen never fail'd of an agreeable retreat and sanctuary at Westwood, as far as those dangerous times would permit; and it ought ever to be remember'd, to the honour of this good lady and her husband, that the famous Dr. Hammond found a comfortable subsistence in their family several years, and at length repos'd his bones in their burial-place, at Hampton-Lovet, in a fair chapel (e), built by Sir Thomas Pakington,

(a) Echard's Hist. of England, vol. II. p. 712. (b) Dr. Hicks's prefatory epistle before his Saxon Grammar. (c) Ibid. (d) Ex Infor. Dom. Herb. Per. Pakington Ear. (e) Abington's antiquities of Worcestershire, MS.

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kington, 1561; the windows whereof are full of arms of the Pakingtons, and their matches: the said lady Dorothy, had sepulture there, the 13th of May, 1679; and Sir John, her husband, the 3d of January following. They left issue a son, named after his father, John, and two daughters; —, married to Anthony Eyre, of Rampton, in Nottinghamshire, Esq; and —, to William Godfrey, of Lincolnshire, Esq;

This Sir John Pakington, Bart. son and heir to the last Sir John, was, in his person, very comely and graceful, and no less considerable for the good qualities and perfections of his mind (*a*): his apprehension was quick, and his judgment naturally solid; which being well improv'd, and cultivated by a learned education, distinguish'd him early among his neighbours, and recommended him more particularly to the esteem of the bishop, and clergy, of the diocese of Worcester. Nothing would have been too hard for his abilities, had he thought the difficultest parts of learning worth his conquering; but delighting chiefly in a retired life, he was contented to be known but to a few, and being superior to most he convers'd with, in wit and good sense, he had the less ambition to attain to an eminency, by any extraordinary acquisitions in knowledge. If he studied any thing to a great degree, it was how he might oblige his countrymen, by his good offices and services; in which endeavours he so well succeeded, that his (*b*) death was generally lamented throughout Worcestershire, and as a testimony of their affection to the father, they chose his son, (the last Sir John Pakington) their knight for the county, when he was scarce nineteen years of age. He serv'd in parliament, in the reigns of King Charles II. and King James II. as one of the knights for Worcestershire (*c*), and was steady to the establishment in church and state, as his answers, in writing, to the three queries propos'd to him by the lord Carrington, lord-lieutenant of the county of Worcester, in those trying times of the late King James, sufficiently shew. The queries, with the answers, here follow:

Quer. I. If he was elected a member of parliament, whether he would consent to the taking off the test and penal laws?

Ans. 'The intent of the test and penal laws, being to serve the church of England, amongst which, the Act of Uniformity seems to be the most important; 'till I am either convinc'd it is in less danger than when those laws were enacted, or some better security propos'd than they afford, I humbly conceive they cannot be taken off without imminent hazard, if not ruin of the church of England; of which, I professing my self a member,

(*a*) Dr. Hicks's epistle dedicatory to his Saxon grammar, penes B. Willis, Atm.

(*b*) Ibid.

(*c*) MS.

‘ member, can neither in honour or conscience consent to the repealing a tittle that relates to its protection, which consequently includes my answer to the second query, viz.

Quer. II. *Whether he would contribute to the electing of such as would repeal the test and penal laws?*

Ans. ‘ For what is not justifiable when done in ones own person, can never become so by proxy ; for which reason, I cannot contribute to the electing such members, as shall abrogate the test and penal laws, that being, in effect, to promote an action in another, which I my self disapprove.

Quer. III. *Whether you will live peaceably and quietly with neighbours of all persuasions?*

Ans. ‘ Living peaceably and quietly with neighbours of all persuasions, is a doctrine so suitable to my inclination and constant practice, that by growing mutinous, I must offer all violence imaginable, both to nature and custom ; which makes it superfluous to tell your lordship, how readily I concur in that proposal, with which, if in any circumstance my future behaviour should not perfectly agree, your lordship must reckon it my misfortune, not my fault.

‘ In fine, my lord, I esteem it my greatest misfortune, that it should be in his majesty’s power to ask that of me, which is not in mine, at the same instant to comply with : but I comfort my self with this assurance, that so nice a critick as his majesty is, in points of honour and conscience, will never condemn me for acting by those very principles to which his great example has given so much vigour and encouragement.’

This Sir John, was buried at Hampton-Lovet, the 28th of March, 1688 ; and having married Margaret (a), daughter of Sir John Keyt, of Ebrington, in Gloucestershire, Bart. left issue his only son and heir, Sir John Pakington, Bart.

Which Sir John, was a strenuous asserter of the rights and liberties of his country, and in the year 1702, made that remarkable complaint to the house of commons, against William, lord bishop of Worcester, and Mr. Lloyd, his son, for interfering in the election for the county of Worcester, and sending letters to the clergy and freeholders, threatening them, if they voted for him, &c. and aspersing his behaviour in parliament ; when the house of commons, after hearing the evidence, and mature consideration,

Resolved, *Nemine contradicente*,

‘ That Sir John Pakington, has, by evidence, fully made out the charge which he exhibited against the lord bishop of Worcester.

Resolved, *Nemine contradicente*,

‘ That Sir John Pakington, has, by evidence, fully made out the charge against Mr. Lloyd, the said lord bishop’s son.

Resolved,

(a) Visit, Gloucest. 1682, p. 163.

Resolved,

‘ That it appears to this house, that the proceedings of William, lord bishop of Worcester, his son and his agents, in order to the hindering of the election of a member for the county of Worcester, has been malicious, unchristian, and arbitrary, in high violation of the liberties and privileges of the commons of England.’

Resolved,

‘ That an humble address be presented to her majesty, that she will be graciously pleased to remove William, lord bishop of Worcester, from being lord-almoner to her majesty.

Ordered,

‘ That Mr. Attorney-general, do prosecute Mr. Lloyd, the lord bishop of Worcester’s son, for his said offence, after his privilege, as a member of the lower house of convocation, is out.

Veneris, 20 die Novembris, 1702.

Mr. Comptroller, reported to the house, That their resolution and address to her majesty, for the removing William, lord bishop of Worcester, from being lord-almoner to her majesty, had been presented to her majesty, and that her majesty was pleased to give this most gracious answer.

‘ I am very sorry that there is occasion for this address, against the bishop of Worcester ; I shall order and direct, that he shall no longer continue to supply the place of almoner, but I will put another in his room, to perform that office (a).

Sir John, was constantly elected one of the knights for Worcestershire, in every parliament, from his first being chosen, at nineteen years of age, (except one, when he voluntarily declined it) to his death, notwithstanding the powerful opposition which was generally made against him ; and was sworn recorder for the city of Worcester, in the room of the earl of Plymouth, deceased, Feb. 21, 172⁵/₈.

His first lady was, Frances, eldest daughter of Sir Henry Parker, of Hunnington, in com. Warw. Bart. by whom he had two sons, John, who died at Oxford, in the nineteenth year of his age, 1712, and Thomas, who died on his travels, at Rome, 1724, unmarried ; also three daughters, Margaret, Frances, married to Thomas-Charles, lord viscount Tracy, of the kingdom of Ireland, and Dorothy, which last, died in her infancy.

Sir John, had, for his second lady, Hester, daughter and sole heir of Sir Herbert Perrot, of Haroldstone, in the county of Pembroke,

(a) See the whole proceedings at large, against the bishop of Worcester, in the house of commons, and the resolutions of the house of lords, thereupon, in State-trials, 10. vol. VII. p. 82, & seq.

broke, Knt. (who died, 1715;) by whom he had one son, Sir Herbert-Perrot, his successor, and dying Aug. 13, 1727, was interr'd at Hampton-Lovet, with his ancestors, where, on a fine marble monument, is the following inscription:

Here lies Sir John Pakington, Knt. and Bart. aged 65 Years; an indulgent Father to his Children; a kind Master to his Servants; charitable to the Poor; loyal to the King, and faithful to his Country; who serv'd in many Parliaments for the County of Worcester, speaking his mind there without reserve, neither fearing nor flattering those in Power, but despising all their Offers of Title and Preferment, upon base and dishonourable Terms of compliance: He was chosen Recorder for the City of Worcester, the 21st Day of Feb. 1725, in the room of the Earl of Plymouth, deceased, an Honour few ever enjoy'd, under the Degree and Dignity of a Peer of the Realm. He died the 13th of August, 1727.

Here also lie Sir John Pakington, Knt. and Bart. and his Lady, Grandfather and Grandmother to Sir John: the first, was try'd for his Life, and spent the greatest part of his Fortune, in adhering to King Charles I. and the latter, justly reputed the Authoress of the Whole Duty of Man, who was exemplary for her great Piety and Goodness.

Sir Herbert-Perrot Pakington, the present baronet, succeeded his father, not only in the title and estate, but his seat in parliament, and was elected one of the knights of the shire for the county of Worcester, in the present parliament. He married Elizabeth, daughter of John Conyers, of Walthamstow, in Essex, Esq; by whom he hath two sons, John, and Perrot, and two daughters, Hester and Cecilia, all in their minority.

ARMS: Party per Cheveron, Sable and Argent, in chief, three Mullets, Or; in Base, as many Garbs, Gules.

CREST: On a Wreath, an Elephant passant, Or, armed Gules.

SEAT: At *Westwood*, in *Worcestershire*.

45. ROBERTS, of Glassenbury, Kent.

(Sir THOMAS, KNIGHT,)

Created BARONET, July 3, 1620.

THIS Sir Thomas, is said to descend from William Rookherst, a gentleman of Scotland (*a*), who left his native country, and came unto Goudhurst, in Kent, in the third year of the reign of King Henry I. and had afterwards the surname of Roberts, and having purchased certain lands on a hill, in Goudhurst, called Winchet-hill, he there built a mansion, calling it Rookherst, after his own name, which it still retaineth to this day; and in the said parish of Goudhurst, the family continued, 274 years, till the reign of King Richard II. when Stephen Roberts, the third Stephen of the family, marrying the daughter and heir of William Tyllie, Esq; (to whom the manor and lands in Glassenbury, belonged,) was, in her right, possessed thereof, and built a fair sumptuous house, on the hill of Glassenbury, which came, by lineal descent, to Walter Roberts, Esq; who, in the year 1472, (13 Edw. IV.) caus'd the same to be pull'd down, and in the year 1473, at the charge and expence of eighteen hundred pounds, erected and built another moated house, in the valley of Glassenbury, in the parish of Cranebrook, which is now called Glassenbury, where they have since continued, there being successively, in a lineal descent, from William Rookherst, alias Roberts, thirteen esquires of the name and progeny, who have dwelt in the parishes of Goudherst and Cranebrook, unto the year 1599, when Thomas Roberts, of Glassenbury, Esq; erected a plain monument of black marble, in the chancel of the church of Cranebrook, with an inscription thereon, containing a memorial of his family, as is here related.

What I shall farther observe, is, that the name has been anciently written, (as I find by old wills, deeds, &c.) Robertes, Roberd, Robert, and Roberthe, and that the said William Rookherst, who first settled in England, forsook Scotland (*b*), on account of assisting Donald Baune, (who usurp'd the crown of that kingdom) against Edgar, the son of Malcolm, king of that country. From which William, after six generations, descended Stephen Roobertes, (as the name was written, in the reign of King Richard II.) who, by marriage with Joan, daughter and heir of

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(*a*) Inscip. tumuli apud Cranebrook, in totn. Kent, Dom. Tho. Roberts, Bar.

(*b*) Ex stemmate penes

William Tyllye, became possessed of the manor of Glassenbury, and other lands in Cranebrook (a), as is evident by a deed, in 3 Ric. II. (b) wherein John Nywmanne, of Cranebrook, grants to Joan, wife of Stephen Rooberts, of Goutherst, sometime daughter of William Tyllye, of Cranebrook, and to the heirs begotten between the said Stephen, and Joan, all the lands in Cranebrook, which the said Nywmanne, had, of the gift of the said William Tyllye; from which marriage proceeded,

John Roberts, who had two wives, and was certainly a person of great piety and charity, as appears by the bequests in his will, which bears date the 20th of January (c), 1460, (39 Henry VI.) and soon after departed this life, as the probat thereof shews, which is dated the 7th of February following: by which testament, he bequeaths his body to be buried in the church of St. Dunstan, at Cranebrook, before the altar of St. Giles's, and that xl. be laid out on an honest tomb, before the said altar of St. Giles's, for him, and Agnes, his wife, with a writing, making mention of them; to which altar he leaves 13s. 4d. for his tythes forgotten; as also to the high altar of Goutherst, 3s. 4d. the high altar of Merden, xxd. and farther, that Ralph Bever, have certain lands, called Bevers, on condition he purchase others to the yearly value of 6s. 8d. therewith to find a lamp, to burn day and night for ever, before the sacrament, in the chancel of Cranebrook.

He farther wills, that the rents, lands, and mills, which he purchased of Thomas Beachingden, and all Podysland, should be mortysed for the maintaining a chantry, and a priest to say mass weekly, monthly, and quarterly, and so yearly, in the church of Cranebrook, for ever; for which, the said priest should have x marks yearly, appointing that Sir Robert Anglisby, should have the said service of the chantry, during his life, and after him, that his right heirs should have the presentment to the said chantry: also, if that Walter, and Stephen, his sons, die within the age of twenty-four years, without heirs, that then there be like-
wife

(a) Mr. Philipot, in his *Villare Cantium*, p. 98 and 99, in treating of Glassenbury, says, The house which stands in a park, is moated about, and hath been for many generations, the capital mansion of the ancient family of Rokehurst, ever since Stephen Rokehurst, or Roberts, of Curtesden, about the time of Hen. IV. married Joan, sole heir of William Tyllie, of Glassenbury, (whose ancestors had flourished at this place, as private evidences instruct me, ever since the reign of Edw. I.) and in right of that alliance, became lord of this mansion. This Stephen Roberts, alias Rokehurst, was grandchild of William Roberts, alias Rokehurst, and that William, was great grandchild of William de Rokehurst, who, in the reign of William the conqueror, as the evidences of this family inform me, came out of Annandale, in Scotland, into England; and to preserve the memory of this man, did the family, till Hen. VII. write Roberts, alias Rokehurst; till, in the east window of the north chancel of the church of Cranebrook, which was built by Walter Roberts, Esq; in that prince's reign, as also in most of his deeds and conveyances, the alias was left out. (b) Ex Autog. in stemmate præd. (c) Ex regist. vout. Steckten, qu. 22 in cur. prærog. Cant.

wife founded a chantry, in the church of Goutherst, endow'd, as the other, with x marks per ann.

He moreover wills, that Robert Hoo, parson of Chart, have 20s. to pray for him, and that housing and grounds be purchased for vii poor men, at Cranebrook, and vii poor men at Goutherst, to dwell therein, every poor man to have xiiis. iiid. yearly; the payment whereof to be made every quarter; as likewise xiiis. iiid. yearly, to repair their houses: which poor men, he appoints his right heirs, to have the election of, and that they should pray for his soule, his wives soules, his friends soules, and all christian soules; the said poor men to be of the parish of Cranebrook, and if not to be found there, then of the parishes adjoining; but if any of his kinsmen have need thereof, that they be provided for before any other: ordaining that the said alms to the said poor men, should be paid out of the rents of his manor and lands, of Deryngdale, in Suffex. He also orders, that v marks be rais'd yearly, out of his goods, during the term of seven years, after his decease, to be dispended in clothing of xiii poor men and women, with gowns, hoods, and coats, and paying vid. to every priest coming to his year's-day, and singing mass; likewise that xli. be laid out to remove the rood loft, in the church of Cranebrook, and setting it on the high chancel there; and for the mending the ways between Dunstan's-cross, and Glassenbury, bestows xl.

He bequeaths to the daughters of his first wife, all the lands in Merden, of her inheritance; also to Agnes, his present wife, an annuity of v marks, during her widowhood, out of his manor of Deryngdale, as also an annuity of v marks, out of his lands in Goutherst, and Cranebrook, (provided she release her dower in all his lands in Kent, and Suffex,) also gives her the place that Thomas Horden, dwell'd in, during her life, besides xx marks for her part of his goods and chattels. He farther bequeaths to Walter, his son, all his lands in Suffex, as well within the ports, as without, when he should be of the age of twenty-four years; and to his son, Stephen, all his lands in Kent, when he likewise came to the age of twenty-four years; directing, that during the said time, they should have for their maintenance x marks yearly, while they were at Oxford, or in any inn of chancery, and xl. yearly, when they come to an inn of court. The rest of his lands, goods, &c. unbequeath'd, he gives to Agnes, his wife, Walter, and Stephen, his sons, equally to be divided between them, and constitutes them executors.

This John Roberts, being such a considerable benefactor to the church of Cranebrook, had his effigies (a) painted in the window of the north isle thereof, kneeling (in armour) with his helmet, adorned

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(a) Ex stemmate præd.

adorned with a plume, lying by him, before a desk, with a book lying thereon, and underneath, this inscription :

Orate pro animabus Johannis Robertes, & Agnetis Uxorisejus, & pro Waltero Robertes, Armigero, & pro animabus Margarette, Isabellæ, & Aliciæ Uxorum suarum.

The said Walter Robertes, became possessed of the whole estate, by the death of his brother, Stephen, who died without issue, and was a person very much fam'd for his eminent qualifications, and hospitality, as also for adhering to the Lancastrian interest, in which he became a great sufferer, in the reign of King Richard III. for, having the courage to keep Sir John Guldeford (*a*), in his house at Glassenbury; (which, a few years before, he had sumptuously rebuilt) Sir Edward Stanley, and Sir John Savage, Knts. enter'd his said house, with soldiers, on the Wednesday following the purification of the virgin, in 1 Ric. III. and apprehending there the said Sir John Guldeford, would have likewise seized this Walter Robertes, had he not by stratagem, escap'd them: but for this he was attainted of treason, his estate seiz'd, and was forc'd to abscond, till King Henry VIIth obtain'd the crown, when he was restor'd to his possessions again.

In 4 Henry VII. (*b*), he had a grant from the king to impark six hundred acres of land, and one thousand acres of wood, in Cranebrook, Gowdehurst, and Ticehurst, in the counties of Kent and Suffex; as also that he and his heirs should have free warren in all his lands and woods, and fishing in his waters, in the parishes aforesaid, with all liberties and franchisements in such cases granted. He was sheriff of the county of Kent, the same year, and having lived under six kings; Henry VI. Edw. IV. Edw. V. Richard III. Henry VII. Henry VIII. departed this life, at more than eighty years of age, A. D. 1522, as should seem by the probat of his will, which bears date the 18th of October, the same year.

By which testament, dated 12 Feb. 13 Henry VIII. (*c*) he bequeaths his body to be buried in the church of Cranebrook, between the image of our lady of pity, and his pew, and that a stone be laid over him, directing Thomas, his son and heir, immediately after his death, to find an honest secular priest, to say mass, and celebrate divine service at St. Giles's altar, in the said church, for evermore, for the souls of his father, mother, his wives souls, his own soul, and all christian souls, according to the will of John Roberthe, his father: but if it should happen that the wife of the said Thomas, his son, or the wives of any of his heirs hereafter,

(*a*) Ex Autog. in eod. stem.
Reg. Maynwaring, qu. 28.

(*b*) Ex origin. penes Tho. Roberts, Bar.

(*c*) Ex

to whom the inheritance of the manor of Glassenbury, descends, should lie in childbed in the said place called Glassenbury; or if the pestilence reign in Cranebrook, that then, for the time of the continuance thereof, and also during the time of such lying in childbed, to the times of their purification, the said priest should say mass at his place of Glassenbury, and be excus'd from his attendance at the parish-church: for which service he should have a salary of x marks, payable by his heirs for ever, out of his lands in Cranebrook, and Goutherst: and that this might be made sure, he wills, That if the said Thomas, his son, refuse to find the priest, and settle lands for his maintenance, that then his trustees, (Sir Edward Nevil, Knt. Sir Henry Wyat, Knt. William Ashburnham, Esq; and others) should find one, and settle lands, as aforesaid; and on failure of them, that the churchwardens of Cranebrook, provide one, and yearly receive of his heirs for ever, the rent of x marks: but if the parishioners of Cranebrook, should, at any time hereafter, in the spiritual court, or any other court, vex or disquiet his said son Thomas, or any of his heirs, on account of any priest to be found, according to the last will of John Roberthe, his father, that then this his will, touching the finding the said priest, should be void.

He farther bequeath'd to the said church of Cranebrook, towards the making of the middle isle thereof, one half of all the timber for that work; as also to the church of Goutherst, xii oaks, the best that could be chose on the lands he bought of — Bafeden: and appointing Alice, his wife, and Thomas, his son, executors, entails his lands on his eldest son, Thomas, and his heirs; and in default, on his other sons, Clement, John, William, George, Edmund, and Martin, with remainder to his daughters, Elizabeth Hendle, Mary St. Nicholas, Joan Horden, Elizabeth Tukke, Joan Leed, Dorothy St. Nicholas, and their heirs male, as also to Anne, his daughter, then unmarried; and in default of such issue, to William Ashburnham, of Ashburnham, and his heirs male; declaring that his intent is, that his manors and lands should not be divided or parted between heirs males, but that they should descend, according to the custom of the common laws of the realm, and not after the custom of Gavelkind, used within the county of Kent.

This Walter Roberthe, Esq; (as the name was then wrote) had three wives. He first married (23 Octob. 1463) Margaret, daughter and heir of John Penn, of Penn's place, in the parish of Aldenham, in Hertfordshire (a), who was squire to the duke of Clarence; and she dying the 6th of May, 1480, he espous'd Isabel, daughter of Sir John Culpeper, Knt. and after her decease, he wedded Alice, daughter of Richard Naylor, Esq; and widow

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(a) Chauncey's Hertfordshire, p. 494.

of the lord Abergavenny: he had by all of them (*a*), thirty children, but only those nam'd in his will, survived to maturity. From the second marriage is descended the family now remaining at Boorsel, in Suffex.

Thomas Roberts, Esq; eldest son and heir, by Margaret, his first wife, inherited the estate at Glassenbury, was constituted sheriff of Kent, in 25 Henry VIII. and departed this life, in 5 Philip and Mary, 1557, leaving (by his wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Jacobb Fremingham, of Suffolk, and heir to — Walworth) several sons and daughters, whereof Walter, was his successor in the estate.

Which Walter Robertes, Esq; took to wife, Frances, daughter and heir of John Maynard, alderman of London, who was born when the emperor, Charles V. was in England, and had the honour to have him for her godfather. He had by her three sons, that lived to maturity, viz. 1. Thomas, hereafter mentioned; 2. Edmund, (who took to wife, Judith, third daughter of William Bird, Esq; of the city of London, and widow of Thomas Blunt, Esq; and deceasing 12 Septemb. 1627, left Thomas, his son and heir;) 3. Alexander Robertes, of Thorp, near Egham, in Surry, who was a great traveller, and, by the daughter of Thomas Culwich, of London, Esq; left issue.

Thomas Roberts, Esq; (eldest son and heir of Walter,) was eighteen years of age at his father's decease, and succeeding to the estate at Glassenbury, became much esteem'd for his exemplary way of living. He was hospitable without excess, charitable without ostentation, and in all other respects shew'd himself a prudent and judicious gentleman, a lover of his country, and a good christian; he valu'd the memory of his ancestors, and bore in his mind their good actions, as well as the care they had taken in preserving the estate entire, for many generations; whereupon, in the year 1599, he caus'd an inscription to be set up in the church of Cranebrook, (as before is mentioned) that his posterity having it always before their eyes, might be induc'd to imitate their example, and preserve the credit and repute his forefathers had liv'd in.

This Thomas Roberts, had the honour (*b*) of knighthood conferr'd on him, at Whitehall, 23 July, 1603, by King James I. before his coronation; and his majesty farther honour'd him with the dignity of a baronet, by letters patent, bearing date the 3d of July, 1620, in which year he was sheriff of Kent. He espous'd Frances, daughter of Martyn James, of Smarden, in Kent, Esq; and had issue by her four sons, Sir Walter, his successor, Thomas, John, and William, who all died unmarried; likewise three daughters, Frances, who married John Hooper, of Stockberry, Esq;

(*a*) Ex Autog. in stemmate.

(*b*) Philpot's Cat. of knights.

Esq; and after his decease, Henry Crisp, Esq; Elizabeth, who was the wife of Sir Alexander Culpeper, of Bedgdbury, Knt. and Anne, who wedded Thomas Crisp, of Goudherst, Esq; all in the county of Kent. Sir Thomas, died Feb. 21, 1628.

Sir Walter Roberts, (son and heir of Sir Thomas) was knighted by King James, at Greenwich, the 7th of May, 1624, and afterwards succeeded to the title of baronet. He made an addition to his estate, by marriage with Margaret, daughter and heir of George Roberts, of Brenchesley, in com. Kanc. Esq; and by her had five sons, and three daughters, but none of them surviv'd him; so that his successor in title and estate, was his grandson, Sir Howland Roberts, son and heir of Thomas Roberts, Esq; by Elizabeth, daughter and sole heir of Sir Matthew Howland, Knt. who was remarried to — Scott, of Conghurst, in the parish of Hawkhurst, in Kent, Esq; which Thomas, lived chiefly in Sussex, and lies interr'd in Warbleton-church, in that county, under a plain monument, whereon is this inscription:

Here lies buried in this Church, Thomas Roberts,
Esq; Son and Heir of Sir Walter Roberts, of
Glassenburie, in Kent, Knight and Baronet, who
Marry'd Elizabeth, sole Daughter and Heir of
Sir Matthew Howland, Knight, and Dame
Elizabeth, his Wife, and died the 23d of
January, 1638.

The said Thomas Roberts, Esq; besides Sir Howland, his eldest son, had also another, named Walter, who was possessed of a genteel estate in Surry, that came to him by his mother's relations; whereupon he took the surname of Howland, but leaving no issue, his possessions devolv'd on the late Sir Thomas Roberts, Bart.

This Walter, married Eliz. daughter of — Nutting, of Cambridge, and has a neat oval marble monument erected to his memory, in the church of Stretham, in Surry, with this inscription:

Here lyeth the Body
Of Walter Howland, alias
Roberts, late of Bristow-Causey,
In the Parish of Lambeth, in Surrey,
Esq; Son of Thomas Roberts, Esq;
Of Glassenbury, in Kent, and
Grandson to Sir Matthew Howland,
And Nephew to Sir John Howland,
Of Stretham, in Surrey, who
Departed this Life the 6th of Decemb.
1692, in the 55th Year of his Age;
Also the Body of his only Son,
John Howland, departed
This Life the 16th of July,
1674, in the 12th Year
Of his Age.

Sir

Sir Howland Roberts, Bart. (grandson and heir of Sir Walter) took to wife Bridget, daughter of Sir Robert Jocelyn, of Hyde-hall, in com. Hertf. Knt. who was born the 23d of August, 1626, and had issue by her, 1. Bridget, born the 8th of December, 1657, and married at Glassenbury, the 5th of October, 1675, to Edmund Trench, of London; 2. Sir Thomas, hereafter mentioned; 3. Jocelyn Roberts, born the 29th of October, 1659, at Glassenbury, and late of Bednal-green, Esq; who took to wife Hannah, second daughter of Joseph Harris, citizen and merchant-taylor, of London, and had issue by her three sons, and three daughters, which sons, died in their minority: of the daughters, the eldest married Edmund Farrington, a Turkey merchant; Hannah, was wife to Mr. Langton, of London, goldsmith, and Rebecca, died unmarried; 4. Elizabeth, born the 27th of Jan. 1661, who died young; 5. Dorothy, born after the decease of her father, 8 May, 1662, wife to John Spence, of Mawling, near Lewes, in Suffex, Esq;

The said Sir Howland Roberts, died towards the latter end of the year, 1661, and was buried at Cranebrook, with his ancestors, as he desired by his last testament. His lady surviving him, who remain'd a widow till her death, in April, 1707, and his eldest son, Sir Thomas, succeeded him in the title and estate.

Which Sir Thomas Roberts, Bart. was born the 2d of Decemb. 1658, and baptiz'd in Glassenbury-chapel, the 7th following. He was steady to the constitution both in church and state, and so hearty a friend to both, that King James II. left him out of the commission of the peace; but on the accession of their majesties King William, and Queen Mary, to the crown, he was, with others, sworn therein, 19 June, 1689; and his interest was so considerable in his country, that on the decease of Charles Fane, earl of Westmorland, in the year 1691, when Sir Vere Fane (*a*), one of the knights in parliament for Kent, was called up to the house of peers, he was then chose in his place; also in 7 William III. was elected to sit in parliament for the same county, with the hon. Philip Sidney, Esq; afterwards earl of Leicest; after which, declining to represent the county, he was return'd for Maidstone, to the first parliament of the late Queen Anne; but on a petition to the house of commons, both he and the other representative, Sir Robert Marsham, Bart. were declar'd unduly elected. He married, 31 May, 1683, Jane, daughter and coheir of Sir John Beal, of Farningham, in Kent, Bart. and had issue by her; 1. Jane, born the 5th of April, 1684, who married Samuel Trench, of London, and died without issue, 20 October, 1706. 2. Howland, born the 13th of October, 1685, unfortunately drown'd at Glassenbury, 14 July, 1689. 3. Bridget, born

(*a*) MS. pences Brown Willis, Arm.

born December 1, 1686, married Edmund Trench, of London, died June 9, 1720, and left one son, Edmund, who died, April 14, 1725. 4. Elizabeth, born the 28th of February, 1688, who died an infant. 5. Sir Thomas, born the 27th of June, 1689. 6. Sir Walter, born in March, 1692. 7. John, born the 19th of July, 1692, and died the 8th of August following.

Their father, Sir Thomas Roberts, Bart. departed this life the 20th of November, 1706, in the 48th year of his age, (and his lady died the 25th of July, 1692) whereupon the dignity and estate devolv'd on his eldest surviving son, Sir Thomas Roberts, Bart.

Which Sir Thomas, in the year 1714, took to wife Elizabeth, sole daughter and heir of Mr. Samuel Newbery, of London, and died without issue, January 5, 1729-30: his lady died before him, July 30, 1727, and are both buried under one marble stone, in the middle chancel, in Cranebrook-church.

Sir Walter Roberts, who succeeded his brother, Sir Thomas, in title and estate, is the present baronet: he married, in 1726 (a), Elizabeth, sole daughter and heir of William Slaughter, of Rochester, in the county of Kent, Esq; by whom he had one son, Thomas, who died an infant, and lies buried under the pew belonging to his seat, in Hunton church, in the said county of Kent, and two daughters, Elizabeth, and Jane, who are both now living.

ARMS: Azure, on a Cheveron, Argent, three Mullets, Sable.

CREST: On a Wreath, an Eagle display'd, Argent, gorg'd with a Garland, proper.

SEAT: At *Glassenbury*, in the parish of *Cranbrook*, in *Kent*.

46. HANMER, of Hanmer, Flintshire.

(JOHN, ESQUIRE,)

Created BARONET, July 8, 1620.

OUR British genealogists deduce this family from a man of great prowess, nam'd (b), Sir Thomas Mackfel, who had issue a son, John, who was likewise a knight, and residing at the town of Hanmer, in Flintshire, (part of his possessions) had from thence the surname of Hanmer, which his posterity have ever since retain'd. He was constable of Carnarvon-castle (c), in the reign

(a) Ex infor. Dom. Walt. Roberts, Bar. Hougham.

(b) MS. intit. Records penes Fra.

(c) Liber Baronetorum MS, sub manu Tho. Jekyl, Arm.

reign of King Edward I. and is said to marry Hawes, daughter and heir of (a) Enion ap Gwillim, ap Griffith, ap Gwinwinwin, lord of Powis, and Gwinwinwin, and a descendant from Bleddwyn ap Kynwyn, prince of all Wales. By this lady he had three sons, Owen, surnam'd Goch, (from his being red) who succeeded to the lordship of Hanmer, in 2 Edw. II. and dying issueless, divided his lands between his brothers, David, and Philip.

Which Philip, became, at length, sole heir to the whole estate of his brother, Owen, and taking to wife, Agnes, daughter and heir to David ap Rice, ap Evan, ap Jones, had by her two sons, David, and James; also two daughters, Margaret, married to Morgan Goch, ap Gruff, ap Jerworth Voell, and Mirannoy, wedded to Gruffe ap Hana, de Overton.

David Hanmer, (son and heir of Philip) was a person learned in the laws, and for his fidelity to the English nation, was constituted one of the justices of the king's-bench (b), on the 26th of Feb. in 6 Rich. II. (1383) and had also the honour of knight-hood conferr'd on him (c), in 10 Rich. II. He left issue, by Angharad, his wife, daughter of Lhyvelin Dhu ap Griffith ap Jorworth Voell, two sons, Griffith Hanmer, of Hanmer, Esq; (who, by Gwervill, daughter of Tudor ap Grono, of Anglesey, had only one daughter, Angharad, the wife of John Puleston, of Emeral, Esq;) and Jenkyn Hanmer. This Sir David Hanmer, had also a daughter nam'd Margaret, who was married to the famous Owen, surnam'd Glyndowr, lord of Glyndowrdwy, lineally descended from Madoc ap Meredyth, prince of Powis, and he from Bledwyn ap Kynwyn, prince of all Wales. The said Margaret, had, by Owen Glyndowr, several sons and daughters; one daughter married Sir John Scudamore, Knt. another married Henry, lord Grey, of Ruthyn, and another married John, lord Croft, of Croft.

He was succeeded by his second son, Jenkin [John] Hanmer, or Hannemere, (as the name was anciently written) who was a (d) knight, and had two wives. By Margaret, his first wife, daughter and heir of David, son and heir of Blethwyn Vychon, of Ockenbolt, lineally descended from Edwyn, lord of Tregangle, alias Englefield, he had lands, and a mansion place called Llwyn Derwn, in Tregangle, in Flintshire, and she bore him a son, named Griffith. And by his second wife, Eve, daughter to David ap Grono, ap Jerwith, he had three sons; 1. John, of Halton, or Haughton and Llay (whose grandson, Sir Edward, married Margaret, daughter of Sir Thomas Salisbury, Knt. but died without issue, and his sister, Jane, was his heir, who married Sir Roger Puleston, of Emeral, Knt.) 2. Edward Hanmer, of the Fenns,

(a) Ex Coll. W. Thomas. (b) Dugdale's chron. Series, p. 42. Claus. 6 R. II. p. 3, 2, m. 18. (c) Ex Col. W. Thomas. (d) Liber Baronetorum præd.

Fenns, in com. Flint, ancestor to those of that name residing there; 3. Richard Hanmer, of Bettisfield, from whom the Hanmers, of Bettisfield, and Burbridge, descended.

This Sir Jenkin Hanmer, Knt. was slain in the battle of Shrewsbury, viz. at Battlefied, in the time of King Henry IV.

Griffith Hanmer, of Hanmer (son and heir of Sir Jenkin, by his first wife) was married to Eleanor, daughter of Sir Peers Dutton, Knt. and had issue by her, Richard, his son and heir, and five daughters, who were all married; viz. Elizabeth, to Ellis Eyton, of Eyton; Alice, to David Lloyd, ap Jevan, ap Gruffith, of Powis; Margaret, to David Eyton; Jennet, to William ap Rys, ap Gruffith, ap Gwillim, of Tögingle, and Maud, to Lewes Yalle.

The said Richard Hanmer, Esq; took to wife, Margaret, daughter of Sir Roger Kynaston, of Hordley, in com. Salop, Knt. (by Elizabeth, his wife, daughter of Henry Grey, earl of Tankerville, by Antigone, daughter to Humphry, duke of Gloucester,) and had issue five sons, Thomas, John, Christopher, David, and Humphry; also three daughters, Ermine, wife of Sir Edward Puleston, Knt. Dorothy, of Edward Brereton, of Bursham, and Eleanor, of Richard Wicherley, of Wicherley, Esqrs.

Cousin-german to this Richard, was Sir Edward Hanmer, knighted in Scotland (*a*) in the reign of King Henry VII. for his valiant behaviour in the army, under the command of the earl of Surry.

Thomas Hanmer, Esq; (eldest son of Richard) was (*b*) knighted at Bullogne, by King Henry VIII. and departed this life on the 10th of February, 1545, (37 Henry VIII.) He married Jane, daughter of Sir Randolph Brereton, of Malpas, Knt. and had issue five daughters; 1. Eleanor, wife of William Hanmer, of the Fenns, Esq; (who, by his last testament, bearing date, 13 Jan. 1570, the probat whereof is, on the 9th of April following, bequeaths his body to be buried in the chancel, on the north side of the church of Hanmer,) and left six sons. 2. Elizabeth, wife of John Conway. 3. Margaret, of David Bird. 4. Catherine, of Peter Puleston; and 5. Mary, of Roger Kynaston, Esqrs. He had likewise five sons; Thomas, Randle, John, Richard, and Humphry.

Thomas, the eldest, succeeded at Hanmer, and was made a knight (*c*), by the king's royal mandate, on the 22d of February, 1 Edw. VI. His lady was, Catherine, daughter and heir to David, son of Thomas Salter, of Ofwestre, in com. Salop, Esq; and he had issue by her a daughter, Margaret, married, first, to Roger Puleston, of Emeral; secondly, to John Puleston, of Lleway-Knottey,

(*a*) Nom. equit. in Bibl. Cotton Claudius, C. 3. p. 49.

(*b*) Ibid, p. 94.

(*c*) Nom. equit. præd. p. 172.

Knottey, Esqrs. also four sons, John, Thomas, William, and Randle; whereof,

John, the eldest, inherited the estate at Hanmer, serv'd in parliament (*a*) for the town of Flint, in 13 Eliz. and having married Jane, daughter to Sir John Salisbury, of Llewenny, in com. Denbigh, Knt. had issue three sons, Thomas, John, and Edward, and was succeeded by his eldest son,

Thomas Hanmer, Esq; who had all the advantages of education, and, in his youth, waited on the earl of Derby, into France, (*b*) in the twenty-seventh year of the reign of Queen Elizabeth, when that earl went ambassador to invest King Henry III. with the order of the garter. He was afterwards, in 35 Eliz. elected knight (*c*) to serve in parliament, for the county of Flint; and when King James I. ascended the throne, he was honoured with knighthood (*d*) at Whitehall, the 23d of July, 1603, before his coronation; likewise, in the fifteenth year of the reign of that prince (*e*), he was appointed, among others, one of the council to William, lord Compton, president of the marches of Wales; and departed this life, the 18th of April, A. D. 1619. He married, first, Anne, daughter of John Talbot, earl of Shrewsbury, by whom he had only a daughter, Catherine, that died an infant: but by Catherine, his second wife, daughter of Sir Thomas Mostyn, Knt. he had, John, his son and heir; Thomas, who married the relict of — Charlton, of Apley, Esq; and died S. P. and Roger; also three daughters, Anne, married to Humphry Dymoke, of Willington, Esq; Ursula, who died unmarried, and Margaret, married to Roger Ellis, of Alrey, in Flintshire, Esq;

The said John Hanmer, Esq; (son and heir of Sir Thomas) was created to the degree of a baronet, by letters patents, bearing date the 8th of July, 1620, in the eighteenth year of the reign of King James I. and was elected knight of the shire for the county of Flint, to serve in the parliament that met at Westminster, in 21 Jac. I. He acquir'd the general esteem of all that knew him, and died, much lamented, in the flower of his age, A. D. 1624. This Sir John, married Dorothy, daughter and coheir to Sir Richard Trevor, of Trewallyn, in com. Denb. Knt. and had issue three sons, Sir Thomas, his successor, John, a captain, slain S. P. and David, who died S. P. also two daughters, Mary, married to Sir Edward Lister, of Rowton, in com. Salop, Knt. and Catherine, married to Edward Kynaston, of Ottley, in Salop, Esq;

Sir Thomas Hanmer, of Hanmer, Knt. and Bart. succeeded his

(*a*) MS. penes Br. Willis, Arm.
(*t*) MS. penes Br. Willis, Arm.
Fæd. vol. XVII. p. 28, 29.

(*b*) Ashmole's Hist. of the garter, p. 395.
(*d*) Philpot's cat. of knights. (*e*) Rymer's

his father in title and estate, and married two wives; first, Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Thomas Baker, and sister and heir to Thomas Baker, of Whittingham, in Suffolk, Esq; (she was maid of honour to Anne, wife of King Charles I.) by whom he had one son, Sir John, his successor, and a daughter, named Trevor, who married Sir John Warner, of Parham, in Suffolk, Knt. His second wife was, Susan, daughter of Sir William Hervey, of Ickworth, in the county of Suffolk, Knt. (by Susan, sister to Sir Thomas Jermyn, Knt.) by whom he had two sons, William, and Thomas, and two daughters; Susanna, married to Sir Henry Bunbury, of Stanny, in Cheshire, Bart. and another, that married Mr. Robert Booth, of Chester, but died issueless, besides other children, who died young. William, the eldest son, married Peregrine, daughter of Sir Henry North, Bart. sister and co-heir to Sir Henry North, of Mildenhall, in the county of Suffolk, Bart. (to whom he gave his whole estate,) by whom he had Sir Thomas, hereafter mentioned. Thomas, the second son, apply'd himself to the study of the law, was knighted by King Charles II. and made solicitor to Queen Catherine, in which office, he died young and unmarried.

Sir Thomas Hanmer, Bart. the father, liv'd in great reputation and honour, serv'd in parliament for the county of Flint, and died in that trust, anno 1678: he was succeeded in honour and estate, by

Sir John Hanmer, Knt. and Bart. his only son, by his first wife. He was elected knight of the shire for the county of Flint, in the reign of King Charles II. as also burgeess for the town of Flint, in the reign of King James II. and of King William, and Queen Mary: applying himself to the army, he commanded a regiment under his late majesty King William, at the battle of the Boyne, where he acquir'd great honour, and serv'd with equal reputation to the end of his life, dying a major general, and colonel to the same regiment, in the year 1701. He married Mary, the daughter and heir of Joseph Alston, of Netherhall, in Suffolk, Esq; son and heir of Edward Alston, of Boxford, in the said county, Esq; but leaving no issue, his estate, and the title of baronet, devolv'd on the present Sir Thomas Hanmer, Bart. his nephew, only son of William Hanmer, Esq; by Peregrine, sister of Sir Henry North, Bart. beforementioned.

Which Sir Thomas Hanmer, the present baronet, in the year 1698, married Isabella, daughter and heir of Henry Bennet, earl of Arlington, widow and relict of Henry, duke of Grafton, (father of the present duke) by whom he had no issue; she dying 1722, he married, secondly, the daughter and heir of Thomas Folkes, of St. Edmundsbury in Suffolk, Esq; by whom he hath no issue. He was elected to parliament for the town of Flint, as
also

also for the borough of Thetford, in the last parliament call'd by King William, and on her late majesty's accession to the throne, was chosen knight of the shire for the county of Flint, to serve in her first parliament; also in the 7th year of Q. Anne, was elected one of the knights of the shire for the county of Suffolk; for which county he serv'd the remainder of that reign; and was unanimously chosen speaker of the house of commons in the 12th of Q. Anne; he also serv'd for the said county, in both the parliaments called in the reign of King George I.

ARMS: Argent, two Lyons passant, guardant, Azure, arm'd and langued, Gules.

CREST: On a Cap of Dignity Azure, doubled Ermine, a Lyon sejant guardant, Argent.

SEATS: At *Hammer*, and *Bettisfield*, both in *Flintshire*; and at *Mildenhall* in *Suffolk*.

47. BISHOPP, of Parham, Suffex.

(Sir THOMAS, KNIGHT,)

Created BARONET, July 24, 1620.

OF this family, anciently seated in Yorkshire, was ——— Bishopp, (*a*) who left two sons, John, and Thomas; the former whereof dying without issue male, his two daughters were his coheirs; Anne, the wife of ——— Benyon; and Elizabeth, of Hugh Towers, of the county palatine of Lancaster, Esqrs.

The said Thomas Bishopp, taking to wife, Elizabeth, relict of William Scot, of the county of Essex, Esq; and only daughter of Sir Edward Belknap, Knt. privy counsellor to Henry VII. and VIII. by Alice, daughter of ——— Barton, Esq; became thereby possess'd of a good estate in the county of Suffex, and residing at Hendfield, left issue by the said Elizabeth, (who died in the year 1569,) Thomas, his son and heir.

Which Thomas Bishopp, Esq; born (*b*) in the year 1549, (4 Ed. VI.) serv'd in parliament for Gatton, (*c*) in Surrey, in the 27th of Queen Elizabeth; and the year following was elected for Steyning, in Suffex; and had afterwards the honour of knighthood conferr'd on him by that Queen; he was again return'd for Steyning, in the first parliament call'd by King James I. and by that prince was created to the dignity of a baronet, 19 Jac. I. He married two wives, and liv'd to a great age. By Anne, his first

(*a*) V. *fit. de com. Suffex*, A. D. 1579., B. Willis, Arm.

(*b*) *Ibid. præd.*

(*c*) MS. *parl.*

first wife, who was daughter of William Cromer, of Tunstall, in Kent, Esq; he had no issue; but by his second wife, Jane, daughter of Sir Richard Weston, of Sutton, in com. Surr. Knt. he had three sons; Thomas, who died a bachelor; Sir Edward, his successor in title and estate; and Henry, who died unmarried; as also two daughters, Elizabeth, who espous'd Sir John Gresham, of Tisbury, in Surry, Knt. and Frances, wedded to John Aldford, of Offington, in Suffex, Esq;

Sir Edward Bishopp, Bart. (son and heir of Sir Thomas,) was knighted by King Charles I. at Hampton-Court, on the 18th of December 1625, and was return'd for Steyning, to the first parliament call'd by that prince; and taking part with his sovereign against his rebellious subjects, was made a prisoner in Arundel-Castle, and had his inheritance sequester'd. He married, Mary, fourth daughter of Nicholas Tufton, earl of Thanet, by whom he had issue four daughters; Frances, (aged eight years, 1634,) who married Sir George Warburton, of Arley, in com. Cest. Bart. Diana, (born in the year 1628,) espous'd to Sir Henry Goring, of Highden, in com. Suffex, Bart. Mary, (born A. D. 1633,) who died an infant; and Christian, who wedded Sir Thomas Cobb, of Adderbury, in Oxfordshire, Bart. also three sons, Thomas, (aged seven years, 1634,) who died unmarried; Edward, who died an infant; and Sir Cecil, who succeeded to the estate and title.

Which Sir Cecil Bishopp, Bart. married Anne, daughter and heir of George Berry, of Cullum, in com. Oxon. Esq; and died the third of June, 1705. He had by his lady two sons, and three daughters; Edward, who died in the life-time of his father, in the 21st year of his age; and Sir Cecil, his successor: Sarah, married to Sir Richard Newdigate, of Harfield in Middlesex, Bart. Christian, the wife of Sir Robert Fagg, of Wiston, in Suffex, Bart. and Mary, married to Thomas Mannock, of Great Bromley-Hall, in Essex, Esq; younger son of Sir Francis Mannock, of Gifford's-Hall, in Suffolk, Bart.

Sir Cecil Bishopp, Bart. the only surviving son, and successor to his father, married Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Henry Dunch, of Newington, in Oxfordshire, Esq; and had issue, Sir Cecil, his successor, Henry, Charles, who died at Prague, of a fever, March 29, 1739, unmarried; James, and John; also Mary, married to the hon. Mr. Dormer, son to the lord Dormer; (she died Nov. 2, 1739.) Sir Cecil, dying Oct. 1725, was succeeded, in dignity and estate, by his eldest son,

Sir Cecil Bishopp, the present baronet, who was representative for Penryn in Cornwall, in the first parliament of his present majesty, and married 1726, Anne, second daughter of Hugh, lord viscount Boscawen, by whom he hath issue several children.

418 VINCENT, of Stoke-D'abernon.

ARMS: Argent, on a Bend cottiz'd, Gules, three Bezants.
 CREST: On a Wreath, a Griphon seiant, resting his Dexter Foot on a Shield, or Escutcheon, Argent.
 SEAT: At *Parham*, in *Suffex*.

48. VINCENT, of Stoke-D'abernon, Surry.

(Sir FRANCIS, KNIGHT,)

Created BARONET, July 26, 1620.

THIS family, on the marriage of Thomas Vincent, Esq; (in the beginning of the reign of Queen Elizabeth) with Jane, only daughter and heir to Thomas Lyfield, of Stoke-D'abernon, Esq; became possessed of that inheritance; which seat, of Stoke-D'abernon, has ever since been their principal residence, tho' they were, for ages before, eminent in the county of Leicester, and afterwards in the county of Northampton.

The first I meet with, is, John Vincent (*a*), mentioned with others, in a fine, in 48 Henry III. '*Philippus de Castro, Richardus Brim, Johannes Vincent, Rogerus Eyre, & Symon filius Willielmi Brorgensis Rowell, fecerunt homagium Dno. regi de villa Rowell custodienda ad opus regis, & colligenda firmas, & alias proventus in eadem Villa, cum omnibus exilibus teste rege apud Nottingham. 14 April.*

Some of the family were also at Swinford (*b*), in com. Leicest. For in 10 Edw. II. Miles Vincent, was owner of much lands there, in the hundred of Guthlackston, upon the banks of the river Avon, which divides that county from Northamptonshire. This Miles, bore for arms, three Caterfoils, and, by Jane, his wife, had issue two sons, John, and Robert Vincent, of Rothwell, living 49 Edw. III. father to John Vincent, of the same place (*c*).

John, the eldest son, seated also at Swinford, in 6 Edw. III. was, by the king's letters patent, made receiver of his rents and profits in the county of Pontive, in France (*d*), Octob. 15, in the fourth year of his reign; about which he suffer'd imprisonment in the Tower of London, 8 Edw. III. (*e*) until he had settled his accounts.

This John, had issue, Sir Thomas Vincent, of Swinford, Knt. living 10 Henry IV. who added to his estate the lordship of Bernake,

(*a*) Fines, 48 Hen. III. m. 4.
 27. 49 Ed. III. in 33 & 34.
 No. 25 in dorso.

(*b*) Burton's Leicest. p. 278.
 (*d*) Pat. 4. Ed. III. m. 1.

(*c*) Claus.
 8. Ed. III.

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nake, by marriage with Joan, daughter and heir to Sir John Bernake, of Bernake, in com. Northampton, Knt. son and heir to Geffry Bernake, of the same place, by Ifolda, his wife, daughter and heir to Henry Paas, of Bernake. The said Geffry (*a*), is painted as an armed knight, (holding his shield of three horse barnacles) in Peterborough church.

Son and heir to Sir Thomas, was John Vincent, of Bernake, and Swinford; who, by Margaret, his wife, daughter to Sir Baldwin Drayton, of Cranford, had issue, Richard Vincent, lord of the said manors; who was slain by Henry Killigrew, anno 12 Hen. VI. having had, by Elizabeth, his wife, four sons; 1. John; 2. Robert, who had the lands in Swinford, from whom the Vincents, of Thingdon, in co. Northampton, descended; 3. Richard, from whom the family at Sheppey, in com. Leicestershire, is deriv'd; and 4. William, a monk, in the abbey of Crowland, who died 6 cal. March, A. D. 1437.

John Vincent, of Bernake, (eldest son and heir of Richard) married Margaret, daughter to John Jordaine, of the county of Stafford, and had two sons, Robert, and Richard; from which Richard, those of the name, at Messingham, in com. Lincoln. and of Peckleton, in the said county, and of Smeeton, in Yorkshire, and those of Horpole, in com. Northampton, are deriv'd.

Robert Vincent, the eldest son, took to wife Catherine, daughter and coheir of Thomas Semark, and was father of Thomas Vincent, who was seated at Bernake, in 1 Edw. IV. and having married twice, had issue only by his last wife, Cicely, daughter of Sir John de Causton, Knt. viz. John Vincent, of Bernake, temp. Hen. VII. who wedded Anne, daughter to Charles Hill, and was succeeded by David, his son and heir.

Which David Vincent, Esq; in 22 Hen. VIII. had a grant for life, of the office of keeper of the king's wardrobe, within his manor of Richmond, and the next year, of keeper of the wardrobe, at Greenwich; also in 27 Henry VIII. had a grant for life of the office of warden of the mint, within the Tower, after the death or surrender of John Pate. In 30 Hen. VIII. the king demises to him the lordship of Pyrrybar, in com. Suff. and the year after, constitutes him keeper of his wardrobe, at Hampton-court, during life. In 33 Hen. VIII. he had a grant (with Robert Bocher, Gent.) of the scite of the house of the Grey Fryars, in Grantham, and the scite of the priory call'd Black Fryars, in Stamford, com. Linc. and was in such favour with his prince, that he was called to be one of the witnesses to his last will and testament, and therein had a legacy left him of 100l.

In the reign of King Edward VI. he was one of the gentlemen of the bedchamber, and had a grant of the manor and rectory of

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Long-Ditton, in Surry, as also of a messuage at Richmond, in the same county, in which he resided at the time of his death, A. D. 1565, (7 Eliz.) and had interment in the church of Richmond.

‘ By his last testament, bearing date 20 Aug. 1565, he bequeaths his body to be buried in such place as his executors think proper; gives several sums of money to the reparations of the churches of Bernack, Long-Ditton, Hampton, and Richmond; ordering likewise 20s. to be distributed to the poor, in every of the said parishes. It also appears, that he was a bountiful master to his servants, and as careful in providing for his children. He leaves to Anne, his daughter, 200l. at the day of her marriage, beside one gold ring, with a diamond, and a chain of gold; also a tablet, with the picture of St. Michael, graven on an agate, set in gold, which his first wife was wont to wear; likewise her mother’s wedding ring. And to every of his other daughters, Elizabeth, Mary, and Jane, 100l. each, and a gold ring at their marriage.

‘ He farther bequeaths, to Henry, his youngest son, 100l. at the age of twenty-one years, and a lease of Tenhall Grange; also that his executors allow him twenty nobles, yearly, till he comes to twenty-six years of age, for his better maintenance and learning, at Oxford, Cambridge, or the inns of the court of chancery. To Thomas, his eldest son, he bequeaths all his manors, lands, &c. in the counties of Surry, Northampton, and Lincoln, paying his debts and legacies; constitutes him, and two others, and one of his servants, executors, desiring his special good lord, the earl of Bedford, and Sir William Cecil, Knt. principal secretary of state, to see his will perform’d.’

His first wife was, Elizabeth, daughter of — Spencer, of the county of Northampton, Esq; by whom he had, Thomas, Henry, and Anne, beforementioned, who married Sir Edward Heron, Knt. one of the barons of the exchequer. His other wife was, Jane, daughter to William Rotsey, de com. Wigorn, Esq; who had issue by him three daughters, Elizabeth, Mary, who died unmarried, and Jane, married to John Chaworth, of Crophill-Butler, in com. Nott. Esq; (a) and was mother to Sir George Chaworth, Knt. viscount Chaworth, of the kingdom of Ireland.

His eldest surviving son, Thomas Vincent, Esq; married Jane, daughter and sole heir of Thomas Lyfield, of Stoke-D'abernon, Esq; by Frances, his wife, daughter and coheir of Edmund, lord Bray; and in her right, was possessed of that estate which lies upon the river Mole, and for distinction, is called D'abernon, from the Dabernons, ancient lords of that place, as the following inscription in the church thereof, farther shews, viz.

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Here lyeth buried the Body of Frances, the Wife of Thomas Lyfield, Esq; Owners of the Manors of Stoke-Dabernon, in the County of Surrey. The which Frances, was the youngest Daughter of Sir Edmund Bray, Knt. Lord Bray, and of the Lady Jane, his Wife; which Jane, was sole Daughter and Heir of Richard Haleighwell, Esq; and Anne, his Wife; which Richard, was Son and Heir to Sir John Haleighwell, Knt. and the said Anne, was sole Daughter and Heir of Sir (a) John Norbury, Knt. which Sir John, was son and heir of Sir Henry Norbury, Knt. and Anne, his Wife; the which Anne, was Daughter and Heir to William Crofier, Esq; the which William, was Son and Heir to Sir William Crofier, Knt. and Elizabeth, his Wife; the which Elizabeth, was Daughter and Heir to Sir William D'Awbernon, Knt. who descended from (b) D'Awbernon, the Norman, which came into England with William the Conqueror, and from whom this Manour did descend lineally to the same Sir William. And the aforesaid Sir Henry Norbury, was Son and Heir to Sir John Norbury, Knt. and Elizabeth, his Wife; the which Sir John Norbury, was Treasurer of England, in the time of King Henry IV. and the said Elizabeth, his Wife, was eldest Sister to Sir Ralph Butler, lord Sudley, and Lord-Steward of the Household to King Henry VI, The which Sir Ralph, was Son and Heir to Thomas Butler, Lord Sudley; and the said Thomas, was Son and Heir to Sir William Butler, who married the Daughter and Heir of John, lord Sudley, lineally descended from King Harold, whom William the Conqueror slew in the Field. Which said Frances Lyfield, died 27 Maii, A. D. 1592, in the 70th Year of her Age; leaving Issue, by the said Thomas Lyfield, Jane, now the Wife of Thomas Vincent, Esq;

Which said Thomas Vincent, Esq; fixing his residence at Stoke, as beforementioned, exchange'd his manor of Bernake, with Thomas

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(a) Sir John Norbury, lies buried in the chancel, in Stoke church, belonging to the Vincent family, which chancel he built, and has a little marble monument there erected to his memory, whereon he is represented kneeling, in compleat armour. Ex infor. Dom. Hen. Vincent, Bar.

(b) Sir John D'Abernon, the Norman, lies buried, as does also Sir William D'Abernon, in the chancel of Stoke church, before the communion table; the stones which cover them are inlaid with brass, with two figures of armed knights, bearing the arms of D'Abernon on their shields. The said arms are well painted, on glass, in the window over the communion table; as also, in several compartments, are, the arms of Crofier, Norbury, Haleighwell, Bray, Lyfield, Vincent, with their intermarriages placed there, by Sir Francis Vincent, the first baronet. Ex infor. Dom. Hen. Vincent, Bar.

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mas Cecil, earl of Exeter, for lands in the county of Surry, that his estate might lie more contiguous. He lived in great reputation and esteem, and Queen Elizabeth, as a mark of her favour, gave him the honour of a visit, at Stoke, on the 25th of September, 1601, at which time, her majesty conferr'd on him the honour of knighthood.

He lies buried on the north side of the chancel of the church at Stoke, under an arched freestone monument, which shews the effigies of a knight in armour, and his wife lying by him, cut out in full proportion, and colour'd; with these inscriptions to perpetuate his memory:

In Obitum clarissimi Viri Thomæ Vincent, Equitis Aurati, qui Vitam commutavit 14 Dec. A°. Dni. 1613, Ætat, 70.

Epicedium.

Time, that blots out the Actions of the Good,
Is fit, with watchful Care to be withstood:
Which, to prevent, is offer'd to your view,
No Poet's Fantasie: here's nought but true.
His Body here, the Earth doth thus inclose;
His purer Soul, in Heaven hath repose.
Religious and true Zeal, in him did breed,
Due Care to cloath the Poor, and Hungry feed:
Well temper'd Justice, with Sincerity,
Love, to the Good, the Ill, Severity:
With many more such Virtues, now not rise,
Did him possess while he enjoy'd his Life:
He, firmly praying, said his last Amen,
Is crown'd by God, and much renown'd with Men.

Vincit qui patitur.

——— Mæcenas mearum
Grande decus columnæque rerum
——— Mercurialium;
Custos Virorum.

Relating to his lady, is this:

In Obitum illustrissimæ Feminae, Janæ Vincent, Uxoris Thomæ Vincenti, Equitis Aurati, quæ ex hac Vita commigravit, 23 Jan. A. D. 1619.

If to be wise, vertuous, and good,
Be the prime Ornaments of noble Blood:
If these be Ensigns of a royal Mind,
Thou add'st a Lustre to thy Sex and Kind.
These free-born Graces, that were once in thee,
Make us now happy in thy Memory:

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Who, tho' translated to transcendent Glory,
Liv'ft fresh to us in this sublimed Story.
We know, in Heaven thou hast a glorious Name,
Yet we'll in Honour here preserve thy Fame ;
In spite of Death, whole greedy envious Eye,
Aims at us below, and not at thee on high.

They had issue two sons, Francis, and Bray, who died unmarried; also a daughter, married to Sir Matthew Brown, of Beechworth-castle, in Surry, Knt.

The eldest son, Sir Francis, was knighted in his father's lifetime, with many more, by King James I. at Whitehall, 23 July, 1603, before his coronation; and was afterwards created a baronet by letters patents, dated the 26th of July, A. D. 1620, and in the first (a) year of the reign of King Charles I. serv'd in parliament for the county of Surry. He had three wives, first, Sarah, daughter of Sir Amias Paulet, Knt. governor of Guernsey and Jersey, and of the privy-council to Queen Elizabeth: 2. Mary, daughter to Sir Henry Archer, of Essex, Knt. and 3. Eleanor, daughter and sole heir of Robert Mallet, of Welley, Esq; and widow to Sir Arthur Ackland, Knt. The lady Sarah, his first wife, was buried in the chancel, at Stoke, under an arched freestone, in which is her statue, cumbent, resting upon her elbow; and within the alcove, this inscription:

*In Obitu illustrissimæ Feminae Saræ Vincent, Ux.
Francisci Vincenti, Equitis Aurati, quæ Vita commutavit, 13 Junii, Anno Dom. 1608, Ætat. 37.*

*Religio Ingenium Candor Pietasq; Fidesq;
Hæc quinque hoc tristi pulvere læta jacent :
Tot res conjestas humilo miraris in Uno ?
At mirare magis tot fuit una Sara,
Et Sara nostra Saram, ne ex omni parte referret,
Fecerant vitæ tempora sola brevis :
Ergo Abræ alterius sponſi gremium tenet & quam
Viva frequentabat continet ossa domus.*

By Sir Francis, she had several sons, (who died without issue,) and two daughters; Elizabeth, married to John Ackland, of Ackland, in com. Devon. Esq; and Margaret, to Sir Francis Gabell, of Cobham, in Surry, Knt. but of the sons, only Anthony, the youngest, surviv'd his father.

Which Sir Anthony Vincent, Bart. born A. D. 1594, was sheriff of the county of Surry, in the 12th year of the reign of King Charles I. which county, before that year, was united with Sussex, and one sheriff serv'd both. He behav'd himself with all dutiful allegiance to his prince, during the great rebellion in 1641,

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and suffer'd with other loyalists on that account. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Arthur Ackland, of Killerton, in com. Devon. Knt. and was succeeded in title and estate, by his son and heir

Sir Francis Vincent, Bart. who was a member for the port of Dover, in the long parliament, in the reign of King Charles II. and taking to wife, 1. Catharine, daughter of George Pitt, of Harrow on the Hill, in Middlesex, Esq; serjeant at law, had by her three sons, Sir Anthony, Sir Francis, and Arthur, who died without issue; as also two daughters, Catharine, and Elizabeth, who both died unmarried. And by a second wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Henry Vane, of Hadlow, in Kent, Knt. had two sons, 1. Thomas, of Fetcham, in Surry, who married twice; first, Margaret, daughter and heir of William Bluck, of Hadley, in Middlesex, Esq; by whom he had one son Francis, who died unmarried; secondly, Mary, daughter of Sir Arthur Onslow, of West Clandon, in Surry, Bart. (great grandfather of Richard, the present lord Onslow) relict of Sir Robert Reeve, of Thwait, in Suffolk, Bart. by whom he had no issue; Henry, second son of Sir Francis, died in the late wars in Spain, S. P. Sir Francis, had likewise two daughters, Elizabeth, married to Philip Hildyard, of East Horsley, in Surry, Esq; and Frances, who died unmarried. This Sir Francis, was succeeded by his eldest son,

Sir Anthony Vincent, Bart. who married Anne, daughter of Sir James Austen, of Southwark, Knt. and left only a daughter, Catherine, married to the Rev. Dr. Warren, of Marden, in com. Hertf. whereupon the title and estate devolv'd on his brother, Sir Francis Vincent, Bart.

Which Sir Francis, was elected one of the knights for the county of Surry, in two parliaments, the one in the second year of the reign of King William and Queen Mary, and the other in the 9th year of the reign of Queen Anne; and having married Rebecca, daughter of Mr. Jonathan Ashe, of London, merchant, had issue by her six sons, Anthony, Francis, Thomas, Henry, Richard, and William: as also four daughters, Catharine, Frances, Elizabeth, and Anne. Anthony, the eldest son, died young; Francis, deceas'd at the age of 28, unmarried; and Thomas, who serv'd in her late majesty's armies in Spain, died there unmarried.

Of the rest, Sir Henry, the eldest surviving son, was his successor; Richard, deceased; and William, married the daughter of the Rev. Dr. Warren, of Marden, in Hertfordshire, by whom he hath two sons, and two daughters, William, Arthur, Diana, and Catherine, all unmarried.

Of the four daughters of Sir Francis, Catherine, the eldest, married George Phipps, of Oxford, Esq; Frances, the second, wedded

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wedded Mr. William Ward, of London, merchant; Elizabeth, third daughter, married the rev. Mr. John Butterfield, rector of Stoke D'Abernon; and Anne, the fourth, died young.

Sir Francis, died Feb. 10, 1735-6, aged 90, and was succeeded in dignity and estate, by his eldest surviving son,

Sir Henry Vincent, the present baronet, who in Feb. 1727-8, was elected member of parliament for Guilford, in Surry: he married Elizabeth, daughter of Bezaleel Sherman, of London, Esq; Turkey-merchant, and hath had issue (a) two sons, Francis, married Aug. 1741, to Elizabeth, the only daughter and heir of Mr. Kilmaine, late banker, in the Strand; and Thomas, who is unmarried; and five daughters, the two eldest, named Anne, both died young; Elizabeth, is unmarried; Hester, married, July, 1740, the right hon. the earl of Clanrickard, of the kingdom of Ireland; and Sarah, deceas'd.

ARMS: Azure, three Caterfoils, Argent.

CREST: Out of a Ducal Crown, proper, a Bear's Head, Argent.

MOTTO: *Vincenti Dabitur*, tho' anciently was borne, *Vincit qui patitur*, or *Non nisi Vincenti*: And Sir Francis, the first baronet, had on his funeral trophies, *Virtute non Viribus vincent*.

SEAT: At *Stoke-Dabernon*, near *Cobham*, in *Surry*.

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(Sir BENJAMIN, KNIGHT,)

Created BARONET, March 8, 1620.

THIS family, variously written Titchebourn, Tichbourne, and Tichborne, is presum'd to be of Saxon original, deduced from Ticeburn (b). But to come to what's certain, 'tis found in ancient deeds, records, &c. that Sir Roger de Ticheburne, a valiant and daring knight, was possessed of the lordship of Tichborne (c), in the county of Southampton, temp. Hen. II. and, by marriage with Mabell, sole heir of the family of Lymerton, in the Isle of Wight, had also possession of that estate, and left issue by her two sons and a daughter; Sir Walter de Tichbourne, Knt. Geffery, and Phelippe.

Sir Walter, succeeded, as lord of Tichbourne, and left issue, Sir Roger de Tichborne, Knt. of the same place, as also, another son, named John.

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(a) Ex infor. Dom. Hen. Vincent, Bar. (b) Mon. Ang. vol. I. p. 37, (c) Ex stemmate sub manu W. Segar, W. Camden, & R. St. George, Reg. Arm. penes Dom. Hen. Tichborne, Bar.

Which Sir Roger, releas'd and quit claim'd for himself and heirs, to the (a) chapel of St. ——— of Lymmerston, and to the chaplains there serving, all his right and title in the land, at Langedred, which Geffry de Titchbourne, his uncle, had given them, witnessed by Sir William de Insula, or Lisle, Sir Jordan de Insula, Jordan de Kingston, and others. The charter bears no date, but the seal annex'd, is the graphical description of a knight, cloath'd in antique mail, under an upper robe, or garment; his right hand brandishing a sword, and his left obscur'd by an oblong target of arms, covering his breast, mounted on a war horse, in full course, and circumscrib'd in the characters of the age, S. *Rogeri de Tichbourne.*

By his wife, Alicia Hake, or Hacket, he had no issue, so that John de Tichbourne, his brother, succeeded.

Which John, had to wife, Margaret, daughter and heir of Roger Sipherwaist, the chief of a noted family, that had large possessions in Dorsetshire, and the western parts of England, which, by this marriage, devolv'd on the Tichbournes. He had issue by her, two daughters, Catherine, and Margaret; as also, two sons, Sir Roger, and John Tichbourne: which Margaret, surviving her husband, afterwards married Thomas Durant.

The said Sir John Tichbourne, was a person of great eminence: serving in the (b) parliaments of the ninth and tenth of King Edward II. as one of the knights of the shire for the county of Southampton; he had (as usual in those days) his expences allow'd. He was sheriff of the same county, in 14 Edw. II. (c) and at the same time (conjunctively with Adam Walrand,) was sheriff of Wiltshire, and Dorsetshire, which office had then great power and authority. He continued sheriff of the two last counties, the two following years; in the former whereof, viz. on the 8th of October, 15 Edw. II. (d) he was constituted castellan, and warden of the king's castle, of Old Sarum. In 1 Edw. III. (e) he, and John de Warblyngton, having serv'd in parliament as knights of the shire for Southampton, had 21l. 18s. for fifty-four days expences. In 6 Edw. III. (f) he is mentioned (in a petition of Henry Sturmy, keeper of the forest of Savernake,) to be one of the King's justices itinerant; and in 8 Edw. III. he, and John Mauduit, were sheriffs of Wiltshire; and, not long after, departed this life, having married Amicia —, by whom he had a daughter, Catherine, a nun, at Whorwell, as also four sons; 1. Roger, 2. Richard, who took to wife, Alice, daughter and co-heir of John de la Hode, of Tifted, and had issue, Richard, who assum'd the name of Tifted (g), from the inheritance that came by

(a) Ex stemmate præd. (b) Pryn's brief Register, vol. IV. p. 48, 52. (c) Fuller's Worthies, in eod. com. (d) Ex originale penes Dom. Hen. Tichborne, Bar. (e) Pryn. præd. p. 80. (f) Ryley's Plac. parliament. in append. p. 653. (g) Ex stemmate præd.

by his mother, and was ancestor to the Tifteds, of Tifted, that in the fourth generation terminated in heirs female; 3. Walter de Tichborne, who married Agatha, the other daughter and coheir of John la Hode; 4. Thomas.

Roger Tichebourne, (eldest son and heir of Sir John) married Catherine, daughter of Roger Loveday, sister and heir of Richard Loveday, as appears by inquisition, taken in 12 Edw. II. upon the death of the said Richard, who then died seiz'd of the manor of Brisset, in Suffex, and of divers lands in the county of Cambridge, and elsewhere: his sisters, Margaret, aged thirty years; Anne, wife of Richard Hackum, aged twenty-eight years; Elianor, aged twenty-six years; and Catherine, wife of Roger Ticheborne, aged twenty-four years, being heirs thereto.

This Roger de Tichborne, died before his father; for, in 11 Edw. III. his son, Roger Ticheborne, was found to be twenty-three years (*a*) of age, and cousin and heir to his grandmother, Margaret, late wife of Thomas Durant. Also the same year, the king receiv'd his fealty for the manor (*b*) of Catteshanger, with the appurtenances, which the said Margaret held of the king *in capite*.

Which Roger, in 16 and 19 Edw. III. (being still'd son of Roger de Tichborne) releas'd (*c*) to Sir John Poultney, Knt. and Margaret, his wife, all his right in the manors of Cheule, Wethersfield, and Swafham-Priour, with the advowsons of the churches of Cheule and Wethersfield, aforesaid. In 20 Ed. III. he paid 40 s. scutage for every knight's fee he possess'd at the making the king's eldest son a knight, which was (*d*) thus rated, viz.

Roger de Tichborne holds in Kempshute, half a knight's fee, which was John Tichbourne's	} 5.
In Catteshanger half an hide of land, which was Roger Sipherwast	} 4
In Tichborne, one knight's fee, which was John Tichborne's	} 40
And, with Will. le Wait, in Limerston, half a knight's fee, which was, John Tichborne, and Henry Wayts,	} 20
At the same time, Richard Tifted, held in West-Tifted	—

The said Roger, was succeeded by John, his son and heir, who, in the life-time of his father, in a Latin acquittance, writes himself, John de Ticheburne, son and heir of Roger de Ticheburne, and acknowledges to have received of John de Isle, and Adam de Rake, Knts. sixty marks, sterling, in part of payment of an hundred,

(*a*) Esch. 11 Ed. III. in stem. præd. (*b*) Ex orig. in an. 11 Ed. III. (*c*) Claus. 16 Ed. III. m. 74, & Claus. 19 Ed. III. part. 2da. (*d*) Ex lib. duob. Fædor in scac, in officio, remem.

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dred, wherein they had been bound unto him ; which receipt, is dated at Wodington, in that isle, [*i. e.* Wight,] on Thursday, the morrow before St. George, the martyr, 39 Edw. III. from the conquest. This John, was knighted ; and, by his wife, Cicely, daughter and heir of the said Sir Adam de Rake, had issue a daughter, Olivia, and a son, John.

Which John, held of Bryan de Wyndfor, (who died, temp. Rich. II.) of his manor of Stanwell, in com. Midd. the manor of (*a*) Shipcote, by the service of half a knight's fee, and by the service of paying, every twenty-four weeks, to the said Bryan, and his heirs, 3s. 4d. He was sheriff of the county of Southampton, in 6 Hen. IV. and in the tenth year of that king's reign. The same arms, crest, and supporters, that his descendants now bear, are appendant to a deed, wherein he is stil'd, John Tichebourne, son and heir of John Tichebourne, Knt. granting to William Warner, his servant, for his good service perform'd, all his lands, tenements, woods, meadows, rents, and services, with a water-mill, in Dorsetshire, which his father, Sir John Tycheborne, Knt. purchas'd of John Gille, the son of William Gille, at Mulle, in the parish of Morden, in the said county. Given at Tichebourne, upon the feast of St. Mark, the evangelist, 10 Hen. IV. after the conquest.

He married Margaret, daughter to John Moking, of London, of a family (*b*), surnam'd from Moking, their capital residence, situate in Middlesex ; and had issue by her, John, William, and Eleanor ; of whom,

John Tichborne, Esq; the eldest, took to wife, Joan, daughter to Thomas Wandesford, alderman of London, sister and coheir to William Wandesford, Esq; and had issue another John Tichborne, Esq; who was sheriff of Hantshire, in 3 Hen. VII. and in the eleventh year of that king's reign, was (*c*) petitioner with Anne, the wife of Thomas Lowth, son of Thomas Lowth, and Alice, the other sister and coheir to William Wandesford, concerning the lands of the said William, who died without issue, and was attainted in parliament, 1 Edw. IV.

He had to wife, Margaret, daughter and heir to Richard Martin, of Eden-bridge, in Kent, by Margaret, his wife, daughter and heir of Walter Wallis, of Cowden, in com. Suffex ; and had issue by her, four sons ; 1. William, that died without issue ; 2. Nicholas ; 3. Thomas, who had his mother's inheritance, at Eden-bridge, and was progenitor to a family, from whom, as heirs-general, were descended Calthrop, and Potter, and as heir-male, John Tichborne, D. D. The fourth son was, Henry Tichborne,

(*a*) Ex evid. hujus fam. in stemmate præd.
(*c*) Ex Rot. parl. de anno 11 Hen. VII.

(*b*) Norden's spec. de com. Midd.

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Tichborne, who married Anne, daughter of — Marvin, and had a numerous issue.

Nicholas, the eldest son and heir, enjoy'd the ancient patrimony, was sheriff of the county of Southampton, in 1 Edw. VI. but dying soon after, left issue by his wife, Anne, daughter of Robert White, of Southwarnborough, in com. Southampton, Dorothy, married to John Sambourne, of Berkshire; Margaret, espoused to John Bruin, from whom the Bruins, of Farnham, descended; and Dorothy, who was the wife of Thomas Leigh, of Cheshire. He had also four sons, Nicholas, Bartholomew, Roger, and William.

Of which, Nicholas, the eldest, succeeded in the inheritance; and in 1 Queen Mary, was sheriff of the county of Southampton; as also elected for the same county, one of the knights of the shire in the parliament that queen called to meet at Oxford.

By his first wife, Juliana, daughter and heir of Robert Fenrother, alderman of London, he had only a daughter, Juliana, who married Thomas Cresswell, of Odiam, in com. Southampton, Esq; but by his second wife, Elizabeth Rythe, of Rythe, (sole heir of her brothers, Thomas, William, and James,) proceeded five sons, and three daughters, viz. Constance, the wife of Robert Knight, of Lyford, in com. Berks; Anne, of John Beronfam; and another, who married — Bend, of Suffex. The five sons were, Benjamin, Gilbert, Ambrose, Martin, and Jeremy, whereof the eldest succeeded to the estate.

Which Benjamin Tichborne, of Tichborne, Esq; was sheriff of the county of Southampton, in 21 Eliz. as also in the last year of the reign of that queen, whereby he distinguished himself in a very particular manner; for, as soon as he had notice of the death of his sovereign, he (without any order from the administration,) immediately proclaim'd at Winchester, and thro' the whole county of Southampton, the happy accession of K. James I. to the crown of England: which zeal was so acceptable to his majesty, who was inform'd of the great interest he had in his country, that he conferr'd the honour of knighthood on him, and his four sons; and for other his faithful services (*a*), granted the castle of Winchester, in fee farm, to him and his heirs for ever; as also a pension of 100l. per ann. during his own life, and the life of his son, Sir Richard. His said majesty likewise honour'd him with several visits, at his seat, at Tichborne. At one, in the year 1618 (*b*), he knighted his third son, Benjamin: and that an hereditary dignity might be in his family, Sir Benjamin, was advanced to the title of baronet, two years after. He married Amphillis, daughter of Richard Weston, Esq; one of the justices of the common-pleas, and had four sons, Sir Richard, his successor

(*a*) Ex infor. Dom. Hen. Tichborne, Bar.

(*b*) Philpot's cat. of knights, p. 72.

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successor in title and estate, hereafter mentioned; Sir Walter, and Sir Benjamin, and Sir Henry, all three knights; and three daughters; and departed this life, 1621, and was buried with his ancestors, in a chapel, on the north isle of the church of Tichborne.

He was a gentleman of great honour, and of an excellent repute in his country; who having, on all occasions, shew'd himself a true patriot thereof, both as a magistrate, and in the parliament, being elected thereto in 35 Eliz. as one of the knights of the shire for the county of Southampton. In his private capacity, he was a most tender husband, indulgent father, and a kind master, and of such an admirable frame of temper, that made all easy about him. His eldest son, in filial duty, erected a noble monument to his memory, shewing his effigies, in armour, and his lady by him, in full proportion, lying under an alcove, between two pillars supporting a foliag'd cornish, summited with the quarter'd arms of Tichborne, with crest, mantling, supporters, and motto; and on the side of the tomb, are four sons in armour, with three daughters, in the dress of the times, kneeling, and in a praying posture, with this inscription, (under the enarching) which gives some farther account of him:

Anno Domini 1621: Erected and dedicated to the Memory of Sir Benjamin Tichborne, Knt. and Bart. and of Dame Amphilis, his Wife, Daughter, of Richard Weston, of Roxwell, in the County of Essex, Esq; one of the Justices of the honourable Court of Common-pleas: who, having lived together with inviolate affection, by the space of 49 Years, had issue four Sons, Richard, Walter, Benjamin, Knts. and Henry, Captaine of the Lifforde, in Ireland; and three Daughters, Elizabeth, Anne, and Amphilis. After he had fulfill'd the number of his Days, in the Favour and Grace of his Prince; being a Gentleman of the Privy Chamber to the most illustrious Monarch, James, King of Great-Britain, France, and Ireland; and having, with Loyalty to his Sovereign, and Integrity to his Country, borne and performed all the Offices of Dignity in this County, hath here chosen, together with his beloved Wife, to sleep with his Fathers in this Chapel, founded by his Ancestor, Sir Roger Tichborne, Knt. in the time of Henry I. where they expect the blessed Resurrection of their Bodies; and in the Merits and Mercy of Jesus Christ, our alone Saviour, to be Partaker of that comfortable Invitation, *Come, ye Blessed, and receive the Kingdom prepared for you*, Eccles. Chap. xii. ver. 13. A good Life hath the Days number'd, but a good Name endureth for ever.

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Of his daughters, Elizabeth, married Robert Garth, and after his decease, William Owen, Esqrs. Anne, wedded first, William Brock, Esq; and secondly, Sir William Timperly, Knt. and Amphilis, his youngest daughter, espoused William Gratwick, Esq;

Sir Walter, his second son, knighted at Whitehall, the 16th of Nov. 1604, acquir'd a seat and estate at Aldershot, in com. Southampton, in right of Mary, his wife, daughter and coheir to Robert White, of Aldershot, in Hants, Esq; (by the daughter of — Foster, the heir of Bradley, of the county of Derby) son of Sir John White, lord-mayor of London. And from this Sir Walter, descended James Tichborne, of Frimley, in com. Surr. and of Aldershot, aforesaid, Esq; likewise, by a second son of the said Sir Walter, descended Sir Benjamin Tichborne, of Rickmonsworth, in com. Hertf. Knt.

Sir Benjamin, his third son, knighted at Tichborne, 29 Aug. 1618, and elected for Petersfield, in two parliaments, in the reign of King Charles I. died without issue.

Sir Henry Tichborne, his fourth son, distinguish'd himself by many brave actions, and an unshaken love to his country, in which respect, I shall distinctly treat of him and his descendants, before we proceed to the elder branch. This Sir Henry, born in the year 1581, (24 Eliz.) having a martial spirit, was, from his youth, train'd up in military discipline in Ireland, and the Low-country wars, and acquiring the reputation of an experienc'd officer, and a brave soldier, he was, by King James I. preferr'd to the command of an independant company of foot, in Ireland, and constituted captain and governor of the castle of Lifford. After which, his majesty conferr'd on him the honour (a) of knighthood, at his (late) father's seat, at Tichborne, the 29 Aug. 1623. He was colonel of a regiment of foot, at the breaking out [the 3d of Oct. 1641] of the horrid rebellion and cruel massacre of the protestants in Ireland; and being then esteem'd the best officer in that kingdom, was appointed, with his own regiment of 1000 men, Sir Thomas Lucas's, and Sir Adam Loftus's troops of horse, to secure the town of Drogheda (b), and to be governor thereof: which town, situate on both sides the river Boyne, about three miles distant from the sea, was become the rebels chief aim; and of such importance, that, next to Dublin (c), it was the chief care of the state to preserve; and, with Cork and Carrickfergus, were the only places the protestants could then keep in that kingdom.

Sir Henry Tichborne, arrived at Drogheda (d) with his forces, the 4th of November, 1641; but was so coldly received by the popish inhabitants, that he waited in the streets from two o'clock till

(a) Philpot's cat. of knights, p. 87.

(b) Cox's hist. of Ireland, vol. II. p. 78.

(c) Ibid. p. 87.

(d) Ibid. p. 89, 90, 91, 92.

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till nine, before he could get a lodging, and then was forc'd to take one by his own authority. He found the town without bulwark, rampire, or any other fortification, than an ordinary ditch, and an old wall: yet, by a diligent application in repairing those defects, he sustain'd a siege of three months, against the whole power of the rebels, (who, with 14000 men, sat down before the place in three weeks after he came) notwithstanding he had many traitors within the town, who plotted to deliver it up; as also, his garrison pinch'd with the hardships of famine, to the degree of eating horses, dogs, and cats. He shew'd in these extremities, a peculiar constancy of mind, an uncommon intrepidity, and excellent conduct. In one skirmish, wherein 2000 Irish (having notice from some of the townsmen) had surpriz'd just without the gates, 350 foot, and two troops of horse, and put them in great confusion (by means of a fog, and so loud a shout, as proclaim'd their number to be very great) were yet, by the valiant deportment of the governor, who presently came to their assistance, put into such order, that charging the rebels briskly, they retreated, with the loss of two hundred men, and were pursu'd for a mile. And, at another time, when, with the assistance of their popish friends, the rebels had made a breach in the wall, in an obscure place, whereby, at four o'clock in the morning, 500 of them had march'd so far into the town, that thinking it their own, they made a great shout; Sir Henry Tichborne, with only his pistols in his hands, ran down stairs, was the first that caus'd a drum to beat, and having got some soldiers about him, and the lord Moor, coming in seasonably with some horse, those rebels were put to flight, with the slaughter of above two hundred of them, and some of their best officers. These advantages, and other successful sallies, so dispirited the enemy, that at length they drew off with great loss, before the earl of Ormond (who intended the raising the siege) march'd out of Dublin.

Sir Henry, being afterwards reinforc'd, defeated the rebels in several encounters, and forc'd those of the pale into Ulster; in consideration of which services, he was sworn of the privy-council; and on the 12th of May, 1642 (a), one of the lords-justices of Ireland, in the room of Sir William Parsons; for which alteration, no reproach could be fasten'd on the king, as my lord Clarendon asserts, '*Sir Harry Tichborne, being a man of so excellent a fame (b), that tho' the parliament was heartily angry at the removal of the other, and knew this would never be brought to serve their turn, yet they had nothing to object against him.*'

He continued one of the two lords-justices, 'till the marquis of Ormond, was sworn lord-lieutenant; and during his administration, (which was two years) endeavour'd, by all ways, to support

(a) Cox's history, p. 127.

(b) History of the rebellion, 8vo. vol. III. p. 163.

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and relieve the distressed protestants, with such zeal and disinterestedness, that he preserv'd the good opinions both of the king and parliament; for when the royal cause was quite ruin'd, and the marquis of Ormond, had surrender'd Dublin to the parliament-forces, and their commissioners had reduc'd some regiments, they yet kept Sir Henry Tichborne in pay, as also continu'd him in his government of Drogheda; and he, joining (*a*) their general, Jones, was a means of gaining the great victory at Dungan-hill, (that happen'd on the 18th of August, 1647) 6000 of the rebels being kill'd on the spot: but after the murder of King Charles I. he forsook the service, and contented himself with living retir'd, till such time as the confusions among those who had usurp'd the government of these nations, had given opportunity to the well-wishers of the royal family to shew themselves; and then he was with the most forward in that work, and had a chief hand in disposing the kingdom of Ireland, to their early appearance for a restoration of the old constitution.

Which services, his majesty King Charles II. had so just a sense of, that on the enjoyment of his crowns, he constituted him field-marshal of his forces, in the kingdom of Ireland; which honourable post, Sir Henry, held till his death, A. D. 1667, when he was in the eighty-sixth year of his age. He lies buried at Drogheda, with Jane, his wife, daughter of Sir Robert Newcomen, of Ireland, Bart. who liv'd with him many years, and died about the year 1664. They had five sons, and three daughters.

Benjamin, their eldest son (*b*), a captain of horse in the service of King Charles I. was kill'd by the rebels, at Belruddery, in com. Dublin, in the twenty-first year of his age, unmarried; William, second son, succeeded to the estate of his father; Richard, third son, was major of the horse-guards, in Ireland, both to King Charles II. and King James II. and died unmarried, as did likewise Henry, fourth son; and Samuel, fifth son, died young. Of the daughters, Dorcas, married William Toxteth, of Drogheda, Esq; a native of Lancashire; Amphilis, married Richard Broughton, Esq; major of the foot-guards in Ireland, in the reign of King Charles II. younger brother of Sir Edward Broughton; and Elizabeth, espous'd Roger West, of the Rock, in com. Wicklow, Esq;

William Tichborne, eldest surviving son and heir, beforementioned, resided at Beaulieu, in com. Louth, was knighted by his majesty King Charles II. and, by Judith, his wife, daughter and one of the coheirs of John Byffe, Esq; lord chief-baron of the exchequer, in Ireland, (a branch of the family of Byffe, of Somersetshire,) had six sons, and one daughter; Margaret, who married

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(*a*) Cox's history, p. 194, 195.

(*b*) Ex stemmate penes Robert Dale,

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Stephen Stanley, of Grange-Gorman, in com. Dublin, Esq; father of Sir John Stanley, Bart. The said Sir William Tichborne, died in the fifty-eighth year of his age, on the 12th of March, A. D. 1693, and lies buried at Drogheda: he serv'd his majesty King Charles II. as major of horse.

His six sons were, 1. Henry, lord Tichborne, of Ireland; 2. Benjamin, who was killed in the thirty-ninth year of his age, at the battle of Hockstet, in Germany, anno 1704, and, by Elizabeth, his wife, daughter of major Edward Gibbs, of the city of Gloucester, left only three daughters, whereof, Judith, married, first, Charles, earl of Sunderland; secondly, Sir Robert Sutton, knight of the Bath; William, third son, a captain in the sea service, in the reign of King William III. was cast away off of Plymouth, ann. 1692, in the twenty-third year of his age, unmarried; John Tichborne, fourth son, was a colonel of his majesty's forces, and governor of Athlone, in Ireland; Richard, fifth son, was master of arts of Trinity-college, Dublin, and sometime of Magdalen-college, Oxon, and died unmarried, in 1692, ætat. 21; Byffe, youngest son, was a captain of foot, and lost his life in the defence of Gibraltar, anno 1704.

Henry Tichborne, Esq; eldest son and heir, born in the year 1663, succeeded his father, at Beaulieu, in com. Louth, Ireland, and, in consideration of his services on the revolution, was knighted by his majesty King William, in anno 1694, and created a baronet of England, in the ninth year of his reign, by letters patents, bearing date the 29th of July, 1697; also on the accession of his late majesty King George, was advanced to the dignity of a peer of the kingdom of Ireland, by the title of baron Farrard. He was married at Cumbermere, in com. Cestr. 20 Julii, 1683, to Arabella, sixth daughter of Sir Robert Cotton, of Cumbermere, Knt. and Bart. by whom he had three sons, Henry, William, and Cotton, which last died young; also three daughters, whereof only Salisbury, liv'd to maturity, and married William Aston, of the county of Louth, Esq; Henry, eldest son and heir, born the 20th of April, 1684, took to wife, Mary, daughter and sole heir of John Fowke, of Atherdee, Esq; and coming to England, in the year 1709, was unfortunately cast away in the bay of Liverpool; leaving his wife with child, who was after delivered of a daughter, nam'd Elizabeth, who died young; William, second son, married Charlotta-Amelia, second daughter of Robert, late lord viscount Moleworth, of the kingdom of Ireland; (she was one of the bed-chamber women to her late majesty,) by whom he left no issue; so that, upon lord Farrard's death, the peerage in this family became extinct.

I now return to Sir Richard Tichborne, Bart. eldest son and heir of Sir Benjamin Tichborne, Knt. and Bart. which Sir Richard

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Richard, had the honour of knighthood conferr'd on him, at the Charter-house, the 11th of May, 1603; and on his father's decease, succeeded to the title of baronet. He was sent by King Charles I. ambassador to the queen of Bohemia; and when that prince was oppress'd by his rebellious subjects, he assisted him to the utmost of his power; securing (a) for him Winchester-castle, of which he was owner; and by his interest, a garrison was brought into it, under the command of the lord Ogle, that made a brave defence, and did not surrender, till the king's affairs were quite ruin'd. He had two wives; his first lady was Ellen, another daughter and coheir of the beforementioned Robert White, of Alderhot, Esq; by whom he had only a daughter, Amphillis, espous'd to Sir Laurence Hyde, Knt. serjeant at law. By Susan, his second lady, daughter and coheir to William Waller, of Old-stoke, Esq; (of which family was, Richard Waller, of Groombridge, in Kent, Esq; who, serving in the wars of France, temp. Hen. V. took prisoner, Charles, duke of Orleans, father to King Lewis XII. and kept him in England twenty-five years; in which time, he built a noble house at Groombridge, the said duke paying for his ranfome 400000 crowns; and in memory thereof, the family bear for their crest, the arms of Orleans, suspended on a walnut-tree.) He had three sons, and as many daughters, viz. Anne, married to Charles, son and heir of Sir John Tasborough, of Flixton-hall, in com. Suff. Knt. Susan, who died unmarried; and Elisabeth, the wife of Sir James Philips, of Stoke-Charity, in com. Southamp. Bart. Of the sons, Richard, and John, died infants, and Sir Henry, succeeded to the title and estate.

Which Sir Henry Tichborne, Bart. took early to arms, in defence of King Charles I. and hazarded his life in several enterprises. He was in the battle of Cheridown, in com. Southamp. (b) and with the lord Ogle, in Winchester-castle, wherein he behav'd with great conduct and bravery; which drew on him the malignity of the usurpers, who sequester'd his estate, and forc'd him to live in an obscure condition, till the restoration of the royal family. His majesty King Charles II. made him lieutenant of New-forest, in Hampshire, and King James II. constituted him lieutenant of the ordnance. He departed this life, in the year 1689; and, by Mary, his wife, daughter of William Arundel, Esq; brother to Thomas, lord Arundel, of Wardour, had issue three sons, Sir Henry-Joseph, his successor in title and estate, John, and Charles, who died young; and three daughters; Winifred, who died an infant; Lettice, who married Henry Whettenhall, of Peckham, in Kent, Esq; and Mary, who veil'd herself a nun.

(a) Ex infor. Dom. Heni. Tichborne, Bar.

(b) Ibid,

Sir Henry-Joseph Tichborne, the present baronet, who succeeded his father in title and estate, took to wife, in 1689, Mary, daughter of Anthony Kemp, of Slyndon, in the county of Sussex, Esq; and by her was the father of three sons, Henry, Henry-John, and John, who are all deceas'd, and three daughters, Mary-Agnes, married to — Blount, of Maple-Durham, in com. Oxon, Esq; Frances-Cicely, to — Doughty, of Henley, upon Thames, in the same county, Esq; and Mabella, who married John Webb, Esq; eldest son of Sir John Webb, of Hathrop, in Gloucestershire, Bart. and died, Sept. 1727.

ARMS: Vaire, a Chief, Or.

CREST: On a Wreath, a Hind's Head, couped, proper, between a pair of Wings, Gules: but Thomas, lord Tichborne's Crest, is thus blazon'd; on a Wreath, a Cap of Maintenance, on which is, a Wing erect, Parti per fess, as in the Arms, that is, the upper part, Or, and the lower, Vaire.

SUPPORTERS: Two Lyons guardant, Gules.

MOTTO: *Pugna pro patria.*

SEAT: At Tichborne, in Hampshire.

49. PALMER, of Wingham, Kent.

(Sir THOMAS, KNIGHT,)

Created BARONET, June 29, 1621.

THIS is a family of great antiquity; the surname of Palmer, (*a*) owes its rise to that zeal for the Holy Land, which for some ages, was very warm in Christendom; and drew many persons of distinction, from divers countries, to embark in the crusades, for carrying on the holy war. The soldiers, who return'd home, frequently brought a branch of Palm, of the growth of Palestine, and wore it as a sacred badge and token, that they had perform'd their vows of fighting against the infidels; and from this, they were called Palmers, as Sir Henry Spelman, tells us. In the number of these warriors, were some of the ancestors of this ancient and worthy family: at the head whereof, after the English military expeditions to Jerusalem were dropped, on the death of our King Edw. I. we find (*b*),

Ralph Palmer, possessor of a great estate in the county of Sussex, in the reign of Edw. II. 1307, whose son,

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(*a*) Camden's Remains in surnames, p. 128.
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(*b*) Ex stemmate penes Dom. Tho.

John Palmer, married a daughter of Sir John Pelham, knight of the Bath, sheriff of Suffex, and Surry, by whom he had,

Adam Palmer, who matched with one of the coheirs of John Sedinghouse, and, by deed, ann. 48 Edw. III. join'd with John Stopham, in passing over some of the lands of Sedinghouse, and by her left a son,

Robert Palmer, of Steyning, in Suffex, Esq; He married Isabel, daughter and coheir of William Stopham, of Stopham, Esq; in that county; and, by indenture, anno 7 Rich. II. divides his father-in-law's estate with John Bartlet, Esq; who had married the other daughter. By this partition, all the lands in Angmerin, Beringham, Polyng, Ruston, and Preston, with part of the lands in Terring, and Goring, fell to the share of Palmer, which he left to his son,

Robert Palmer, of Angmerin, Esq; and from him the patrimony descended to his son and heir,

John Palmer, Esq; who, by Joan, daughter of — Julian, Esq; was the father of another

John Palmer, Esq; who considerably augmented the estate, by marrying Isabel, sole heiress of Edward Bilton, Esq; and by her had three sons, Edward; (who was knighted) Robert, and Thomas. The youngest of these, came to be Sir Thomas Palmer, of Calais, in France, that died without issue. Robert, the second son, married Beatrix, sole heiress of John Wesse, and became the head of a younger branch of the family, seated at Parham, in Suffex, whose second son, Robert, married Mary, daughter of James, Audley, Esq; younger brother of the lord Audley; but his eldest son was, Sir Thomas Palmer, of Parham, Knt. that had two wives; first, Bridget, daughter of — Caryl, Esq; serjeant at law, by whom he had only three daughters, Elizabeth, married to John Leeds, of Steyning; Mary, to Thomas Palmer, of Angmering, and Dorothy, to Henry Roberts, Esqrs. and by his second wife, Catherine, daughter of Sir Edward Stradling, of St. Donats, in Glamorganshire, Knt. left a son, John; and he, by Elizabeth, daughter of Hugh Verney, of Fairfield, in Somersetshire, Esq; left another Sir Thomas Palmer, Knt. that died in Spain, leaving, by a daughter of John Mallet, Esq; a son, William Palmer, Esq; who settled at Fairfield, in Somersetshire. The head of which family, was that worthy patriot and antiquarian, the late Thomas Palmer, of Fairfield, Esq; member of parliament for Bridgwater, whose brother, Peregrine Palmer, Esq; one of the fellows of All-Souls college, Oxford, succeeded him in his estate.

Sir Edward Palmer, Knt. the eldest son, continued on the succession of the family, at Angmerin: he married one of the sisters and coheirs of Sir Richard Clement, of the Moat, in Igh-

tam, in Kent, Knt. and by her had three sons, born on three Sundays successively, who all liv'd to be eminent in their generation. John, the eldest, had the paternal feat at Angmerin, and was twice sheriff of Suffex, and Surry, anno 25 & 35 Hen. VIII. and marrying Mary, daughter of William, lord Sandys, left Sir Thomas Palmer, Knt. who, matching with Mary, daughter of Sir Thomas Palmer, of Parham, Knt. was the father of another Sir Thomas Palmer, Knt. that first married Margaret, daughter of Sir John Parker, Knt. son of arch-bishop Parker, and after her death, with a daughter of Sir Miles Sonds, Knt. but left no issue.

Thomas, the youngest of the three brothers, made his fortune at the court, under Hen. VIII. and Ed. VI. and being knighted, began to build a spacious house in the Strand, (which was afterwards enlarg'd and beautify'd by Sir William Cecil, lord Burleigh, lord high-treasurer of England) but unfortunately taking part with John Dudley, duke of Northumberland, in favour of the lady Jane's title to the crown, by virtue of King Edward's will; he was, upon Queen Mary's accession to the throne, beheaded, with the duke, upon Tower-hill, where he had the christian courage and constancy upon the scaffold, to own his religion to be protestant (*a*). This Sir Thomas Palmer, as soone as he came to the scaffold, tooke every man by the hand, and desired them to pray for him, then putting off his gowne, he leaned upon the east rayle, and sayde these words in effect (*d*). My masters, (quoth he) God save you all: it is not unknowne unto you wherefore I come hither, which I have worthily well deserved at God's handes, for I know it to be his divine ordinance, by this meanes, to call me to his mercy, and to teach mee to know my selfe, what I am, and whereunto wee are all subject: I thanke his mercifull goodnesse, for hee hath caused mee to learne more in one little darke corner in yonder tower, than ever I learned by any travell in so many places as I have beene, for there, (I say) I have seene God, what he is, and how unsearchable his wondrous workes are, and how infinite his mercies bee, I have seen there, my selfe thoroughly, and what I am, nothing but a lump of sinne, earth, dust, and of all vilenesse most vilest; I have seene there, and know what the world is, how vaine, deceitful, transitory, and short it is, how wicked and loathsome the workes thereof are in the sight of God's majestie, how he neither regardeth the menaces of the proud men and mighty ones, neither despiseth the humbleness of the poore and lowly, which are in the same world. Finally, I have seen there what death is, how neer hanging over every

(*a*) This Sir Thomas Palmer, was imprisoned, with Edward, duke of Somerset, lord protector, & Edw. VI. as an accomplice, yet he ruin'd the duke, his evidence being the chief against him; for Sir Thomas, being brought by the duke of Northumberland, privately, to King Edward VI. related the whole conspiracy. See the duke of Somerset's tryal, in State tryals, fo. vol. VII. p. 15.

(*b*) Stow's Chronicle, p. 615, 616.

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every man's head, and yet how uncertaine the time, and how unknowne to all men, and how little it is to be feared; and should I fear death? or be sad therefore? have I not seen two die before mine eyes? No, neither the sprinkling of the blood, or the shedding thereof, nor the bloody axe it selfe, shall make me afraid; and now taking my leave to the same, I pray you all to pray for mee: come on, good fellow (quoth he) art thou he that must do the deed? I forgive thee with all my heart, and then kneeling down, laying his head on the blocke, said, I will see how meete the blocke is for my necke; I pray thee strike not yet, for I have a few prayers to say, and that done, strike, on God's name, good leave have thou; his prayers ended, and desiring each man to pray for him, he layd downe his head againe, and so the executioner tooke it from him at one stroke.

The second of the three brothers, was advanc'd likewise to the honour of knighthood, and came to be,

Sir Henry Palmer, of Wingham, in Kent, Knt. which estate he came possessed of, soon after the suppression of the monasteries (*a*), and where his family continued for many years. This gentleman follow'd the camp, and made some addition to his paternal fortune by the sword. He was master of the ordnance, at Guisnes, in Picardy; and in 30 Hen. VIII. (*b*) was constituted supervisor and warden of the forest of Guisnes, during life; and the year following (*c*) had a grant of the office of bailiff, or steward, of the county of Guisnes, during life. In 36 Henry VIII. he (*d*) was at the taking of Bullogne, had his arm broke when he was old, in a rencounter with the French (*e*); and when their forces, under the conduct of the duke of Guise, first made themselves masters of the important fortress of Calais, at the latter end of the reign of Philip and Mary, and then, with their victorious army, sat down before Guisnes, this brave man, (whose motto was, *Vie pour mon prince*) in the noble defence thereof lost his life, at above seventy years of age; and that castle quickly follow'd the fate of Calais; both which places had been above two hundred years in the possession of the English. He (*f*) married Jane, daughter of Sir Richard Windebank, of Guisnes, Knt. and by her left three sons, Thomas, Arnold, and Edward.

Sir Thomas Palmer, of Wingham, eldest son and heir, was (*g*) knighted by the earl of Essex, for his valour at the taking and sacking of Cadiz, and advanced to the dignity of a baronet 19 Jac. I. He married Margaret, daughter of Edmund Poley, of Badly, in Suffolk, Esq; and by her he was the father of six sons,

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(*a*) Philpot, says, King Edw. VI. in the seventh year of his reign, granted the college in Wingham, to Sir Henry Palmer; see his second errata. (*b*) Bill. Sign. 25 Feb. 30 Hen. VIII. (*c*) Ibid. 31 Hen. VIII. (*d*) Rymer's Fœd. tom. XV. p. 54. (*e*) Ex stem. præd. (*f*) MS. a Wood's in Museo Ashmol. Not. F. 3. (*g*) Camden's annals of Queen Eliz. in anno 1596.

(three of which were dignify'd with knighthood, Sir Thomas, Sir Roger, and Sir James,) and five daughters; three sons and three daughters died young: Margaret, the youngest of the surviving daughters, became the wife of Richard Amhurst, of Bayhall, in Kent, Esq; serjeant at law; and Jane, the elder, was first married to Sir William Meredith, Knt. treasurer and paymaster, in the reigns of Queen Elizabeth, and King James I. of their majesties armies, and cautionary towns, Brill, and Flushing, with all other their garrisons in the Low-countries; and, after his death, she married John, lord Vaughan, earl of Carbury, who had no issue by her: to her first husband, she brought Sir William Meredith, Bart. ancestor to the late Sir Roger Meredith, of Leeds-abbey, in Kent, Bart. and two daughters; Anne, married to Francis, lord Cottington, chancellor of the exchequer, and master of the court of wards, under King Charles I. and commission'd by King Charles II. in his exile, to be lord high-treasurer of England; and Jane, married to Sir Peter Wyche, ambassador to the grand seignior, to whom she brought, Sir Peter, and Sir Cycil Wyche, and a daughter, Jane, married to Sir John Greenville, created earl of Bath: of the sons, Sir Roger Palmer, the second, was knight of the Bath; and having been cup-bearer to the two princes of Wales, Henry, and Charles, was first made master of the household, and cofferer to King Charles I. He married Catherine, daughter of Sir Thomas Porter, of Gloucestershire, Knt. relict of Sir Ralph Welsh, Knt. but died without issue, leaving his estate to the descendants of his two brothers; the younger of which, was

Sir James Palmer, Knt. of the bed-chamber to King James I. and gentleman of the privy-chamber to King Charles I. and chancellor of the most noble order of the garter; who had two wives; by his first wife, Martha, daughter of Sir William Garrard, of Dorney, in Bucks, Knt. left Sir Philip Palmer, of Dorney, aforesaid, Knt. cup-bearer to King Charles II. who married Phebe, daughter of Sir Henry Palmer, of Howleech, in Kent, Knt. vice-admiral of the narrow seas, under King Charles I. and had by her four sons, Roger, Henry, Philip, and Charles. Roger Palmer, of Dorney, Esq; the eldest son, match'd with Anne, daughter and heir of Henry Ferrers, Esq; by whom he had two sons, that died infants. Henry, the second son, died unmarried. Philip, the third son, married Catherine, daughter of Sir George Southcote, Bart. relict of James Palmer, Esq; brother to Roger, earl of Castlemain, and died without issue.

4. Charles Palmer, of Dorney-court, Esq; heir to his brothers, who married Jane, daughter of John Jenyns, of Hayes, in Middlesex, Esq; and died, August 8th, 1714, leaving issue two sons (a), 1. Sir Charles Palmer, Bart. hereafter mentioned; 2. Philip, who

(a) Ex Infor. Dom. Car. Palmer, Bar.

who married Jane, daughter of Mr. Thompson, of Ludgate-hill, mercer; also one daughter, Phebe, married to Richard Harcourt, of Wigfell, in Suffex, Esq; Sir James Palmer, Knt. aforementioned, married to his second lady, Catherine, relict of Sir Robert Vaughan, of Lloydwrd, in com. Montgomery, Knt. and daughter of Sir William Herbert, knight of the Bath, created earl of Powis, (and lady Eleanor Peirce, his wife, daughter of Henry, earl of Northumberland,) and was father of Roger Palmer, earl of Castlemain, in Ireland, who was sent by King James II. ambassador extraordinary to Rome, who married Barbara Villiers, sole daughter and heir of the lord viscount grandison; she was created by King Charles II. baroness of Nonfuch, countess of Southampton, and dutchess of Cleaveland; she died at Chelsea, in Middlesex, October 9, 1709, and he, in North-Wales, 1705, without issue.

Sir Thomas Palmer, Bart. the father of the beforementioned sons and daughters, lies buried in Wingham church, where, on a handsome monument, is the following inscription:

‘ To the Memory of Sir Thomas Palmer, of Wingham, Knt. and Bart. and of Dame Margaret, his
 ‘ Wife, Daughter of John Poley, of Badly, Esq; of
 ‘ that ancient Family, in the County of Suffolk.
 ‘ This Place was the Seat of his Inheritance, but
 ‘ not of his Descent, being lineally extracted from
 ‘ the House of Angmering, in the County of Suffex.
 ‘ God crown’d him with the Blessing of a long and
 ‘ prosperous Life, and augmented it with the Comfort
 ‘ of a virtuous and pious Wife, with whose beloved
 ‘ Society he was enriched 62 Years. The
 ‘ Threads of their Lives were evenly spun: they
 ‘ liv’d in Concord, died in Peace; his Period was
 ‘ 85; her’s, of 83 Years. They were beloved of their
 ‘ Neighbours, lamented by their Friends, honoured
 ‘ by their Children, and missed by the Poor, for
 ‘ whose sakes they never brake up house in this
 ‘ Place for 60 Years. Thus lived they happily, and
 ‘ died christianly; He, the 7th of January; She,
 ‘ the August following, Anno 1625. They had issue
 ‘ six Sons, and five Daughters, whereof John, Mabel,
 ‘ Henry, Mary, John, Frances, died young.
 ‘ Sir Thomas Palmer, Knt. (father to Sir Thomas
 ‘ Palmer, Bart. now living) died before his Father,
 ‘ and lies here also interr’d. Sir Roger Palmer,
 ‘ Knight of the Bath, was Cupbearer to the Princes
 ‘ Henry, and Charles, and now Master of the Household
 ‘ to King Charles. James Palmer, of the
 ‘ Bed-chamber to King James, of blessed Memory.
 ‘ Jane, first married to Sir William Meredith, Knt.

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- * and after, to the Lord Vaughan. Margaret, married to Richard Amhurst, Esq; Serjeant at Law ;
- * these last 4, are yet living, Anno, 1627.

The eldest son of Sir Thomas Palmer, of Wingham, Knt. and Bart. aforesaid, was,

Sir Thomas Palmer, Knt. who married Margaret, daughter of Herbert Pelham, of Suffex, Esq; and died in the life-time of his father, leaving two sons: Herbert, the younger, was bred a scholar, enter'd into holy orders, and became president of Queen's college, in Cambridge, but died unmarried.

Sir Thomas Palmer, of Wingham, Bart. the eldest son, succeeded his grandfather in dignity and estate; he suffer'd much for his loyalty to King Charles, and zeal to the church, by several sequestrations of his estate, and imprisonments of his person; and died at last, under confinement. He married Elizabeth, daughter and coheir of Sir John Shirley, of Isfield, in Suffex, Knt. by whom he had six sons, Sir Henry, Roger, Herbert, James, Thomas, and John: and six daughters; Margaret, the second wife of Sir Arnold Bream, of Bredg, in Kent, Knt. Sybilla, married to John Everard, of Seabrights, in Essex, Esq; and after his death, to William Mildmay, Esq; (who bore arms in defence of King Charles I.) Elizabeth, to Samuel Argol, doctor of physick; Mary, wedded, first, to Francis Sommers, Esq; and secondly, to — Sainthill, Esq; Anne, died young; and Ester, married George Clayton, of London, Esq;

Of the sons, Roger, and James, fellow of Trinity-college, in Cambridge, with John, who travelled into France, with the lord Hollis, when he went ambassador from King Charles II. to the French king, died batchelors. Herbert, the third son, married Dorothy, one of the daughters and coheirs of John Pincheon, of Writtel, in Essex, Esq; and dying in 1622, left by her two sons, Sir Thomas, hereafter mentioned, and Henry, who died a batchelor, A. D. 1710, in the twenty-sixth year of his age, beloved and lamented by all that knew him; and two daughters, Anne, the wife of Robert Whitfield, of Chartham, in Kent, Gent. and Elizabeth, that died a maid. The fifth son was, Thomas Palmer, of London, Esq; an eminent member of the company of merchants, trading to the Levant, who fin'd for sheriff of the city. He married Lucy, daughter of James Young, of London, merchant, descended from an ancient family of the Youngs, of Axminster, in Devonshire, and died without issue.

The eldest son and heir, who succeeded his father, an. 1656, was,

Sir Henry Palmer, of Wingham, Bart. always loyal to the crown, faithful to the church, and respected by the county, of which he was sheriff, in the year 1691. He married Anne, daughter of Sir William Luckin, of Waltham, in Essex, Bart.

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but died without issue, 1706, in a good old age, leaving his estate and dignity to his nephew, Sir Thomas, son of his brother Herbert.

Which Sir Thomas Palmer, of Wingham, Bart. was elected to serve his country, as knight of the shire for Kent, in the parliament summoned 8 Queen Anne, and in the first parliament called by King George I. was chosen for Rochester, and was one of the commissioners for stating the debts of the army. He married, first, Elizabeth, one of the daughters of Sir Robert Marham, of the Moat, near Maidstone, in Kent, Knt. and Bart. and sister to the first lord Romney, by whom he had three sons, Henry, Thomas, and Robert, who all died young; and four daughters; 1. Margaret, who died unmarried; 2. Anne, married, first to the late Sir Brooke Bridges, of Godnestone, in Kent, Bart. (by whom, she was mother of the present Sir Brooke Bridges, Bart.) secondly, to the honourable Charles Fielding, Esq; brother to the earl of Denbigh; 3. Elizabeth, who is unmarried; and 4. Mary, married to the earl of Winchelsea. Sir Thomas, married to his second lady, Mrs. Cox; and to his third, Mrs. Markham, but dying, 1725, without issue male (*a*), the title descended to Sir Charles Palmer, of Dorney-court, in Bucks, Bart. eldest son of Charles Palmer, Esq; grandson of Sir James Palmer, Knt. chancellor of the garter, who was the youngest son of Sir Thomas Palmer, of Wingham, in Kent, the first baronet of the family.

Which Sir Charles Palmer, of Dorney-court, the present baronet, married, June, 1729 (*b*), Anne, daughter of Richard Harcourt, of the Inner-temple, Esq; (by Elizabeth, his wife, daughter of Sir Philip Harcourt, Knt. half sister to the right hon. Simon, the first lord viscount Harcourt,) by whom he hath had seven children, three sons, and four daughters; Charles, Harriot, and Dorothy, living, Thomas, and Harcourt, twins, and two Anne's, dead.

ARMS: Or, two Barrs, Gules, each charg'd with three Trefoils of the field, in Chief, a Greyhound, currant, Sable: Quartering (*c*).

2. Sedinghouse; Sable, a Fess, Or, between three Lions rampant, Argent.

3. Stopham: Argent and Gules, Indented, four Crescents, counter-chang'd.

4. Bilton: Argent, a Cheveron, Azure, charg'd with three Fleur-de-lis, Or.

5. Clement: Argent, two Bends, Wavy, Sable, on a Chief, Gules, three Leopards Faces, Or.

6. By Clement: Tudor Mawr, Prince of South-Wales, in the

(*a*) Ex infir. Dom. Car. Palmer, Bar,

(*b*) Ibid,

(*c*) Ibid.

the time of William Rufus: Gules, a Lion rampant, within a Border, indented, Or.

7. Also by Clement; Shamburgh, Paly of six, Or and Azure, on a Fefs, Gules, three Mulletts, Or.

8. The paternal Coat, as the first.

CREST: A Demi-Panther, rampant, issuing Flames out of his Mouth and Ears, holding a Palm-branch, all proper.

MOTTO: *Palma virtuti.*

SEAT: At *Dorney-Court*, near *Windsor*, in *Bucks.*

50. RIVERS, of Chafford, Kent.

(JOHN, ESQUIRE,)

Created BARONET, July 19, 1621.

OF this name of Rivers, anciently written Ripariis, and Riveriis, have been many eminent persons, in former ages. Richard de Ripariis, by his wife, Maud, daughter of Sir Richard Lucy, had a son, Richard, a noble baron, in the reign of King John, (and by descent from his mother, was lord of Angue, in Essex,) whose grandson and heir, John de Rivers, was summoned among the barons, from 25 Edw. I. (1298) to 9 Edw. II. Nicholas de la Rivers, was summoned in 22 Edw. I. A. D. 1295, to appear with horse and arms.

From this Nicholas, 'tis probable those we are to treat of, are descended. But,

Mr. Philpot, (Somerfet herald) derives this family from the Rivers, of River-hill, in Hampshire, whose coat-armour was, azure, two Bars Dauncette, Or, in chief three Bezants, and to these arms, the Roses and Swans, now born in the third and fourth quarterings, were granted by King Edward IV. to Sir Bartholomew Rivers, Knt. in testimony of his good and faithful services.

The first we find mentioned in a pedigree of this family, is, Richard Rivers, father of Thomas, whose son, John, was father of Richard Rivers, living, temp. Edw. IV. and had a son William, father of Edward, who had two sons; 1. Richard, of Penshurst, in Kent, and 2. Sir John Rivers, of Chafford, in Kent, Knt. lord-mayor of London, 15 Eliz. who married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir George Barnes, Knt. lord-mayor of London, and had several sons, and daughters.

Sir George Rivers, Knt. his eldest son, was member of parliament for East-Grinstead, in Suffex, 39 Eliz. and married Frances, daughter and coheir of William Bowyer, of Suffex, Esq; by whom

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he had three sons ; 1. John ; 2. George Rivers, of Hadlow, in Kent, Esq; from whom, colonel Rivers, late coroner of London, and Middlesex, descended. 3. William, citizen of London, who, by Elizabeth, daughter of the reverend Mr. Thomas Cobbet, of London, left issue,

John Rivers, Esq; the eldest son, was advanced to the dignity of a baronet, 19 Jac. I. and by Dorothy, his wife, daughter and heir of Thomas Potter, of Well-street, in Westerham-parish, in Kent, Esq; had issue four sons ; 1. James ; 2. John, who died issueless ; 3. George, who married the daughter of — Barrington, but had no issue ; 4. Nizell, of Oakham, near Lewes, in Suffex, who married the widow of — Culpepper, Esq; and died without issue : Sir John, had also three daughters ; Elizabeth, married to John Baker, of Mayfield, and Dorothy, to William Newton, of Southover, both in Suffex, Esqrs. and Cicely, to Sir Robert Goodwin, of Fairleigh, near East-Grinstead, in the same county, Knt.

James Rivers, Esq; the eldest son, married Charity, daughter of Sir John Shirley, of Isfield, in Suffex, Knt. by whom he had four sons, and eight daughters ; 1. Sir Thomas, successor to his grandfather ; 2. Sir John, successor to his brother ; 3. James, who died issueless ; and another son who died young : of his daughters, Elizabeth, married — Bodenham ; Charity, to John Eldred, of Saxham, in Suffolk ; another, to — Hambden ; another to — Bridger, of Wellstreet, in Westerham, in Kent, Esqrs. This James Rivers, Esq; lies buried in the church of St. Bartholomew the Great, in Smithfield, over whom was the following inscription (a) :

Here lieth the Body of James Rivers, Esq; Son and Heir of Sir John Rivers, of Chaford, in the County of Kent, Bart. who married Charity, Daughter of Sir John Shurley, of Isfield, in the County of Suffex, Knt. and had issue four Sons and eight Daughters, who died June 8th, 1641.

Within this hollow Vault, here rests the Frame
Of that high Soul, which late inform'd the same
Torn from the Service of that state, in's Prime,
By a Disease, malignant as the Time ;
Whose Life and Death design'd no other end,
Than to serve God, his Country, and his Friend.
Who (when Ambition, Tyranny, and Pride,
Conquer'd the Age) conquer'd himself, and dy'd.

Sir Thomas Rivers, Bart. eldest son and successor to his grandfather, dying unmarried, was succeeded in title and estate, by his next brother,

Sir

(a) Maitland's Hist. of London, 379.

Sir John Rivers, Bart. who married Anne, daughter of Sir Thomas Hewet, of Pishiobury, in com. Hertf. Bart. and sister to the lord viscount Hewet, by whom he had four sons; 1. Sir George, his successor; 2. John, who died issueless; 3. Thomas Rivers, LL.D. prebendary of Winchester, and rector of Easton, in Hampshire, who married Mary (*a*), daughter of Richard Holbrooke, of the Isle of Wight, Gent. and died Sept. 8, 1734, and lies buried in Winchester cathedral: leaving three sons; Sir John, of whom hereafter; Peter, and James, who are unmarried; and had one daughter, Anne, who died young; 4. Colonel James Rivers, of Collumbine's regiment, who died before Barcelona, having render'd himself famous at that siege, as well as at the siege of Gibraltar; but left no issue: Sir John, had also two daughters, Margaret, and Anne.

Sir George Rivers, Bart. eldest son and successor to his father, married Dorothea, daughter of Sir William Beversham, of Holbrooke-hall, in Suffolk, Knt. one of the masters of the high court of chancery; by whom he had four sons and seven daughters; of which, Beversham, died unmarried, at the age of twenty-three; George, married Isabella, daughter of Philip Packer, of Groombridge, in Kent, Esq; by whom he had no issue; Thomas, and William, both died infants: of the daughters, Dorothea, married Thomas Goodall, of Duke-street, St. James's, Esq; Anne, is unmarried; Philadelphia, married George Baker, of Mayfield-place, in Suffex, Esq; Henrietta-Maria, is unmarried; Charlotte, died, aged twelve; Margaret, married John Groombridge, of Tunbridge, Gent. and Elizabeth, died young. Sir George Rivers, Bart. leaving no issue male, was succeeded by his nephew, Sir John, eldest son of his brother, Dr. Rivers (*b*).

Which Sir John Rivers, the present baronet, is as yet unmarried.

ARMS: Azure, two Barrs, dancettè, Or, in Chief, three Bezants; quartering as an augmentation, Azure, on a Fess, engrail'd, between three Swans, Argent, a Bar, Gules, charged with three Roses of the second.

CREST: On a Wreath, a Bull at gaze, Argent, Horns, Hoofs, and point of the Tail, Or, charged with a Collar and Chain of the same.

MOTTO: *Secus rivos aquarum, or Dilexi decorem.*

(*a*) Ex infor. Dom. Jo. Rivers, Bar.

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51. SIDLEY, of Great-Chart, Kent.

(Sir ISAAC, KNIGHT,)

Created BARONET, Sept. 24, 1621.

THIS family was anciently seated near Romney-marsh, in Kent (a), where there are lands that still bear their name; they afterwards, temp. Edw. III. built a mansion-house at Scadbery, in Southfleet, in the same county; 'In this mansion, says Philpot, in his *Villare Cantianum* (b), is a room, whose sides are covered with wainscot, and on one of the plates, or pains, which appears to be exceeding ancient, the arms of Sidley, are carved in embols'd-work, viz. a Fess, wavee, between three Goats Heads, erased; and these letters underneath, W. & S. with the year of our lord affixed, in figures, whose date commences from 1337; and altho' the structure of this house, hath, like a snail, shifted its ancient shell, yet in all its mutations and vicissitudes, which must certainly have very much disordered the fabrick, when it was cast into a new mold and frame, and ravelled, and discomposed the materials, yet this panel of wainscot, hath been, like a relique, religiously preserved, to justify, not only the antiquity of the seat, but of the family of Sydley, also; which is presumed to have been resident at this place, before the above mentioned calculation.'

John Sidley, of Southfleet, Esq; was auditor of the exchequer. He married three wives; first, Elizabeth, daughter and coheir to Roger Jenkes, of London, by whom he had no issue; secondly, Elizabeth, daughter to John Cotton, of Hampfall-Ridware, in com. Stafford, Esq; by whom he had, William, and Dorothy, a nun, at Dartford. His third wife was, Agnes, daughter and heir to John Wyborne, of Hakewell, in Kent, Esq; who died issueless.

William Sidley, of Southfleet, Esq; son and heir, was high sheriff of the county, 1 Edw. VI. 1597. He had issue by his wife, Anne, daughter and heir to Roger Grove, of London, three sons; first, Sir John Sidley, of Southfleet, (father of Sir William Sidley, of Southfleet, and Alesford, who was dignified with the title of baronet, by King James I. which, for want of legitimate issue-male, expired with his descendant, Sir Charles, whose only daughter, Catherine, was created countess of Dorchester, by King James II. who married David, late earl of Portmore, and was mother of the present earl of Portmore.) Robert, second son of William, married Elizabeth, daughter to George Darrell, of Cale-

(a) Philpot's Vill. Cant. p. 330. (b) Id d.

Calehill, in Kent, Esq; Nicholas, the third son, married Jane, daughter and heir of Edward Isaack, Esq; and had issue, Sir Isaac Sidley, of Great-Chart, who, having been knighted, was afterwards advanced to the degree of a baronet, by King James I. in the nineteenth of his reign.

Which Sir Isaac Sidley, Bart. married —, daughter and heir to — Holditch, of Ranworth, and Foulden, in Norfolk, Esq; and left issue, Sir John, and two daughters, — married to Robert Houghton, of Shelton, in Norfolk, Esq; and Elizabeth, to Sir Thomas Wiseman, of Riven-hall, in Essex, Knt.

Sir John Sidley, Bart. his son and successor, was of St. Cleres, (having sold Ranworth, and Foulden,) which he purchased of Robert Moulton, Esq; who, says Philpot (a), hath upon the old foundation, erected that magnificent pile, which, for grandeur, elegance, and majestick aspect it carries to publick view, surrenders a priority but to few structures in this county. He had issue by —, two sons; Sir Isaac, and Sir John, (both baronets,) and two daughters; Elizabeth, married to John Gilborne, Gent. and —, to — Vane, Esq;

Sir Isaac Sidley, Bart. eldest son and successor to his father, had issue by his first wife, one daughter, (married first, to Sir Charles Houghton, of Kent, Knt. surviving him, she married to her second husband, Sir George Prettyman, of Lodington, in Leicestershire, Bart. of Nova Scotia.) He married to his second lady, Cecily, daughter to — Marsh, Esq; (she married to her second husband, Leonard Peckham, of Yaldham, in Kent, Esq;) by whom he had issue,

Sir Charles Sidley, Bart. his only son, who succeeded to the title, and died unmarried. He was buried at Ightham, Oct. 1702; whereupon the title came to his uncle,

Sir John Sidley, Bart. who married Mary, daughter to — Nichols, of Keirising, in Kent, (she died 1701,) by whom he had one son, Sir George, his successor, and two daughters, Mary, married to George Tomlyn, of St. Cleres, and Frances.

Sir George Sidley, Bart. successor to his father, was seated near Lewes, in Suffex: he had issue three sons, and one daughter.

Sir George Sidley, Bart. the eldest son and successor to his father, died unmarried, and was succeeded in the title by his next brother,

Sir Charles Sidley, the present baronet.

ARMS: Azure, a Fess, Wavy, between three Goats Heads, cras'd, Argent, attir'd Or.

CREST: Out of a Ducal Coronet, Or, a Goat's Head, as in the Arms.

MOTTO: *Deo, patriæ, tibi.*

(a) Villare cantium, p. 141.

52. HEWET, of Headley-Hall, Yorkshire.

(JOHN, EsQUIRE,)

Created BARONET, October 11, 1621.

THE family of Hewet, is of ancient extræction (*a*), of which was, Robert Hewet, Esq; who possessed a considerable estate, at Killamarch, in Derbyshire, in the reign of Hen. VIII. (*b*) He left two sons, Robert, who died without issue, and William, who succeeded his father, and died 1599, aged seventy-seven, and lies buried in St. Paul's cathedral, London, with this inscription over him (*c*):

Memoriæ S.

Gulielmo Hewit, Armigero

Roberti Hewit,

A Killamarch, in Agro Derbieni,

Filio, secundo genito.

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(*a*) There was a Sir Walter Hewet, who made a considerable figure in Edward III's wars, in France; vide Barnes's Edw. III. p. 652, and other places. (*b*) Of this family was, Sir William Hewet, lord-mayor of London, 1559, but whether brother to this Robert, is not certain; of this Sir William, we find the following remarkable history in Stow's Survey of London, vol. II. b. 5. p. 133. 'Sir William Hewet, clothworker, mayor, 1559, son to Edmund Hewet, of Wales, in Yorkshire. He died the 6th of February, 1566. His wife was the daughter of Leveson, of Kent.

'This mayor was a merchant possessor of a great estate, valued at 6000 l. per ann. and was said to have had three sons, and one daughter; to which daughter this mischance happened; (the father then living upon London bridge.) The maid playing with her, out of a window over the river Thames, by chance dropt her in, almost beyond expectation of being saved. A young gentleman, named Osborne, then apprentice to Sir William, the father, (which Osborne, was one of the ancestors of the duke of Leeds, in a direct line,) at this calamitous accident, immediately leap'd in bravely, and saved the child. In memory of which deliverance, and in gratitude, her father afterwards bestowed her in marriage on the said Mr. Osborne, with a very great dowry. Whereof the late estate of Sir Thomas Fanshaw, in the parish of Barkin, in Essex, was a part; as the late duke of Leeds, himself, told the reverend Mr. John Hewyt, from whom I have this relation; and together with that estate in Essex, several other lands in the parishes of Harthill, and Wales, in Yorkshire, now in the possession of the said most noble family. All this from the old duke's own mouth, to the said Mr. Hewyt.

Also, that several persons of quality courted the said young lady; and particularly, the earl of Shrewsbury. But Sir William, was pleased to say, Osborne, saved her, and Osborne, should enjoy her. The late duke of Leeds, and the present family, preserve the picture of the said Sir William, in his habit of lord-mayor, at Kiveton-house, in Yorkshire, to this day, valuing it at 200 l.

(*c*) Stow's Survey of London, vol. I. b. 3. p. 162.

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Qui mortuo Fratre, Natu majore,

Paternam crevit hæreditatem,

Posterisque transmittit:

Nobilem Mercaturam exercuit.

Vita integerrima fuit, & moribus suavissimis.

Bonarum literarum studia promovit. Egenorum proventus largiter auxit.

Liberalitate,

Charitate,

Insignis,

Nec minor Pietate,

Religionem, cum Ministris sacris, &
coluit & fovit.

Ita per omnia se ubique gessit, ut

Probitatis,

Comitatis,

Candoris

Vivum exemplar.

Christum Redemptorem cogitans,

Vitam ante mortem consummaverit.

Filios genuit quatuor,

Joannem,

Salomonem,

Thomam,

Gulielmum.

Et Filias duas,

Mariam,

Elizabetham.

Annum LXXVII. agens

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cœlestem evocatus,

Magnum sui desiderium reliquit

Posteris,

Qui hoc piè ac mœren,

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He left four sons; John, Solomon, Thomas, and William; from the three last are descended the families of Hewet, of Pishobury, in Hertfordshire, (of which was, Sir Thomas Hewet, created a baronet, 19 July, 1660, and afterwards an Irish viscount,) the Hewets, of Shire-Oakes, in Nottinghamshire, both now extinct; and the Hewets, of Stretton, in Leicestershire.

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John, the eldest son, survived his father but three years, dying in 1602. He left issue by his wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Robert Hampson, Knt. alderman of London, ancestor to the present Sir George Hampson, Bart. (who was afterwards wife to Sir Gilbert Wakering, and Sir Robert Beville, of Chesterton, in com. Hunt. knight of the Bath, successively,) one son, John, and a daughter, Catherine, who, in 1617, was given in marriage, with an ample dowry, to George Byng, of Wrotham, in the county of Kent, Esq; great grandfather to Pattée, the present lord viscount Torrington.

John, who succeeded his father, was created a baronet, 19 Jac. I. and having married Catherine, daughter of Sir Robert Beville, sen. knight of the Bath, (who died 1636,) and sister and coheir of Sir Robert Beville, of Chesterton, in Huntingdonshire, jun. knight of the honourable order of the Bath, in the reign of King James I. (who died 1640,) by her had two sons, Sir John, his successor, and Robert, and five daughters, viz. Elizabeth; Catherine, married to Robert Cheek, of Purgo, in Essex, Esq; Frances, Anne, and Grace, wife of Sir Thomas Brograve, of Hamels, in Hertfordshire, Bart. Sir John, died 1657, after he had seated his family at Wareley, in Huntingdonshire; and by his sufferings in the troublesome times, rendered himself remarkable for his loyalty.

Sir John, his eldest son, succeeded him, and married Frances, daughter of Sir Toby Tyrrell, of Thornton, in Bucks, Bart. (surviving him, she afterwards married Philip Cotton, of Connington, in com. Cantab. Esq; grandson of Sir Robert Cotton, founder of the library,) by whom he had a numerous offspring, viz. eleven sons; 1. Sir John, his successor; 2. Tyrrell, rector of Scotter, in Lincolnshire, who married, but died without issue; 3. Robert, who died unmarried; 4. Thomas, who died young; 5. Benjamin, who died unmarried; 6. Charles; 7. William, of St. Neots, who left issue three sons, Sir William, hereafter mentioned, Tyrrell, who married a daughter of Mr. Robert Gedding, of the post-office, and hath one daughter, and Thomas, who is unmarried; 8. James, blown up at sea, being a lieutenant in the Carlisle man of war; 9. Thomas, M. D. who married Mrs. Pinkney, and left a son, Thomas, of Clare-hall, a clergyman, who is living, and unmarried; and a daughter, Anne; 10. Toby, and 11. Benjamin: also seven daughters; 1. Hester, married to Ulysses Blount, Esq; seventh son of Sir Henry Blount, of Titenhanger, in com. Hertf. Knt. 2. Frances, married to Henry Scrope, of St. Neots, in com. Hunt. Esq; but had no issue; 3. Theodora; 4. Edith, married to William Dove, of Upton, in com. Northton, Esq; (mother of Henry Dove, now of Upton, Esq;) 5. Catherine; 6. Arabella, and 7. Elizabeth, married to — Broke, of Nacton, in Suffolk, Esq; mother of Philip Broke, of Nacton, Esq; mem-

ber in the last parliament but one, for Ipswich. Sir John, dying Sept. 30, 1684, was succeeded in honour and estate by,

Sir John Hewet, Bart. his eldest son, high sheriff of Cambridge, and Huntingdonshires, 2 Jac. II. who first married Anne, daughter of Francis Stokes, of Tiderton, in Wilts, Esq; (son of Christopher Stokes, of Tiderton, Esq; whose wife was sister to lord-chancellor Hyde, earl of Clarendon,) by whom he had two sons, who died issueless, and two daughters; of which, Anne, the eldest, married John Hagar, of Bourn, in the county of Cambridge, Esq; and left one son, Hewet Hagar, Esq;

Sir John, married to his second wife, Eleanor, eldest daughter to the late Sir John Osborne, of Chickfands, in Bedfordshire, Bart. (grandfather of the present Sir D'Anvers Osborne, Bart.) by whom he had no issue; and dying without any issue male, was succeeded in the title by his nephew, Sir William, son of his brother, William, of St. Neots;

Which Sir William Hewet, is the present baronet, and captain of the Colchester man of war, and hath married Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. Levermore, of Gosport, in Hampshire, and hath three sons, William, Levermore, and Herbert.

ARMS: Gules, a Cheveron, engrailed, between three Owls, Argent.

CREST: On a Wreath, on a stump of a Tree, proper, a Falcon, standing, Or.

MOTTO: *Ne te quæsieris extra.*

53. JERNEGAN, or JERNINGHAM, of Coffey, Norfolk.

(HENRY, ESQUIRE,)

Created BARONET, October 16, 1621.

OF this ancient family, the following account, which is very different from all the pedigrees which I have seen (a), is certainly fact, as the records here quoted, prove.

The ancient family of the Jernegans, are seated here, ever since the grant of Queen Mary, to Sir Henry Jernegan, Knt. her vice-chamberlain (b), and are a younger branch of the Jernegans, of Somerley-town, in the island of Lothingland, in Suffolk, but that eldest branch being extinct, this became the eldest surviving branch, and so continues.

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(a) Mr. Blomfield's description of Norfolk, vol. I. p. 658, & seq. from which, this account is chiefly taken. (b) Spelman's Icenia, fo. 157.

Weever, fo. 770, tells us, this family hath been of exemplary note, before the conquest, and adds this account, extracted out of the Jernegan's pedigree :

' Anno M.xxx. Canute, King of Denmarke, and of England, after his returne from Rome, brought diverse captaines and souldiers from Denmarke, whereof the greatest part were christened here in England, and began to settle themselves here ; of whom, Jernegan, or Jernengham, and Jennihingho, now Jennings, were of the most esteeme with Canute, who gave unto the said Jerningham, certain royalties, and at a parliament held at Oxford, the said King Canute, did give unto the said Jerningham, certaine mannors in Norfolke, and to Jennings, certaine mannors, lying upon the sea-side, near Horwich, in Suffolke, in regard of their former services done to his father, Swenus, king of Denmarke.'

That the above note may be in the pedigree of the family, I can't contradict, nor yet the truth of it, tho' I must own (*a*), there are many things which seem to invalidate it. The pedigree, as commonly received, I shall take no notice of, but give you one extracted from authentic records (*b*), as they now remain among Mr. Le Neve's collections.

That Jernegan, was anciently a christian name, as the former note observes, is very true, as numerous records prove : in 1195, there was a fine levied of lands in Edricheston, in Warwickshire, between Reginald de Claverdon, and Gernegan, his brother, and about this time, 'twas a common name in France, as we find from Lobmeau, in his history of Britain (*c*), where Jernegon de Pontchasteau, and some others of the name, are mentioned, but none of these were of this family.

The first that I meet with of this family (*d*), was called,

1. Hugh, without any other addition, whose son was named, 2. Jernegan, and was always called, Jernegan Fitz-Hugh, or the son of Hugh ; he is mention'd in the Castle-acre register, fo. 63, b. as a witness to a deed without date, by which, Brian, son of Scolland, confirmed the church of Melfombi, to the monks of Castle-acre, and died about 1182. He married Sibill, who, in 1183, paid 100l. of her gift, into the exchequer (*e*), after her husband's death ; his son was called,

3. Hugh, or Hubert, son of (*f*) Jernegan, (*g*) who gave a large sum of money to King Henry II. and paid it into the treasury, in 1182 ; he was witness to a deed in 1195, by which divers lands were granted to Byland-Abby, in Yorkshire (*h*) ; he

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(*a*) Blomfield, præd. (*b*) Ibid. (*c*) Vol. I. p. 105. (*d*) Blomfield, Ibid.
 (*e*) Rot. pip. 30 Hen. II. (*f*) He first settled the surname of Jernegan. (*g*) Mag.
 Rot. 29 Hen. II. Madox History of the exchequer, p. 190. (*h*) Regr. Abbatiss
 Byland pen. P. L. N. fo. 102.

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married Maud, daughter and coheir of Thorpine, son of Robert de Watheby (*a*), of Westmorland, he is mentioned by the name of Hubert de Jernegan, in the black book of the exchequer, published by Mr. Herne, at Oxford, 1728 [vol. I. p. 301.] as one of the Suffolk knights, that held of the honour of Eye. (*b*) In 1201, he paid King John, 20l. fine, for three knights fees and an half, which laid in Yorkshire, and were held of the honour of Brittany, and died in (*c*) 1203, and the king granted the wardship of all his large possessions, and the marriage of his wife and children, to Robert de Veteri Ponte, or Vipount, so that he married them without disparagement to their fortunes.

4. Sir Hubert Jernegan (*d*), of Horham, in Suffolk, Knt. his son, succeeded, who had been a rebel against King John; but on the accession of Henry III. (*e*) to the crown, submitted himself, and obtained his pardon; but it seems, he had not recovered all his estates, in 1219, for in that year, Gilbert de Gant, gave to Robert Marmion, junior, the wardship of the land, late (*f*) Hugh Jernegan's, in Hundemaneby (*g*), and in 1240, Margery, late wife of Hubert, sued Hugh Jernegan, her son, for lands in Stonham-Jernegan, in Suffolk, so that Sir Hubert, died in 1239.

5. Sir William Jernegan, son and heir of Hubert, married Julian, daughter and coheir of Gyvingham, of Burnham, and Hugh de Polsted, married Hawise, the other coheir, and levied a fine of all the Gyvingham's estate, in Burnham (*h*), in 10 of King John. He died without issue, and was succeeded by,

6. Sir Hugh Jernegan, his youngest brother, Godfrey, and Robert, being dead, who, in 1243, came to an agreement with his mother, Margery, and settled on her, in lieu of the dower of Sir Hubert, her late husband, during her life, the capital messuage of the manor of Horham, with the park, windmill, and demean lands, and the services and rents of Horham manor, with housebote, heybote, and pannage, and in consideration of this settlement, Margery, released all her right in dower, in two carucates of land, and a messuage in (*i*) Stonham-Jernegan, in Suffolk, and in all his other estates in Norfolk, and (*k*) Suffolk. In 1244, he was witness to the deed (*l*) of Henry, duke of Lovain, made to the monks of Eye; Elizabeth, his wife, is mentioned in the assize-rolls. In 1249 (*m*), he had lands in Hillington, and Congham, in Norfolk, and lived to be very old, for, in 1269, he held

(*a*) By whom came Wathe manor, in North-Cove, in Suffolk. (*b*) Rot. pip. pass. 3 Joh. R. t. 16. in dorso. in the tally-court, in the exchequer. (*c*) Cart. : John. M. 11. 3. (*d*) His capital seat was at the manor of Horham. (*e*) Claus. 1 Hen. III. part. 2. M. 1. 1. (*f*) Coiar. in Scio. 4 Hen. III. (*g*) Plita. Jur. & Assis. coram Will. de Ebor. apud Bucks. 25 Hen. III. R. 9. (*h*) Fines Norff. 10 Joh. (*i*) He made Stonham-Jernegan, the capital seat of the family. (*k*) Fines com. Suff. Hen. III. l. 5. inter Num. 10 & 11. (*l*) Regr. Eye, fo. 52. (*m*) Fines 52 Hen. III. N. 65.

of Roger (*a*), son of Peter Fitz-Oubourn, or Osbern, diverse lands in Stovene, and Bugges, for which he did homage, to Roger, son of the said Peter, in the presence of Sir Walter de Redisham, Knt. Sir William, rector of Hillington, &c. He married, for his second wife, Ela, or Ellen, daughter and coheir (*b*) of Sir Thomas de Ingaldesthorp, Knt. who survived him: after the death of his mother, he settled,

7. Sir Walter Jernegan, his son, in the manor of Horham, upon his marriage with (*c*) Isabel, daughter, and at length heir of Sir Peter Fitz-Osbert, or Osborne, of Somerley-town, in Suffolk, Knt. (relict of Sir Henry Walpole (*d*), of Houghton, in Norfolk, Knt.) who it seems, died before him, leaving,

8. Sir Peter Jernegan, his son, who became heir to his father and grandfather, and also coheir to the Fitz-Osbert's estate, in right of his mother; for that estate, on the death of Sir Peter Fitz-Osbert, of Somerley-town, his grandfather, went to (*e*) Sir Roger Fitz-Osbert, her brother, who died without issue, leaving it to Catherine, his wife, for life, who died in 1220, and then the Fitz-Osbert's estate came to Isabel, widow of Walter Jernegan, Sir Peter's mother, as sister of the said Roger Fitz-Osbert, and to John Noion, son and heir of Alice Fitz-Osbert, the other sister of the said Isabel, and on a division made, Somerleton, was settled on Sir Peter Jernegan, son of the said Isabel, who came hither, leaving Horham, and Stonham-Jernegan (*f*), and Somerleton became the capital seat of the Jernegan family: the Fitz-Osberts, had the manors of Somerleton, Uggeshall, &c. in Suffolk, Hadefton, Witlingham, &c. in Norfolk. This Sir Peter, was sub-esccheator of Suffolk, anno 1283 (*g*), held Stonham, and Horham, of the honour of Eye, in 1299; in 1334, he sold Uggeshall manor and advowson, to Sir Edmund de Soterlee, Knt. and Witlingham, and Hadefton, in 1342, he being then above seventy years old, and it appears from Eye register, fo. 98, b. that he first married Alice, daughter of Hugh Germain, and Basil, his wife, by whom he had no issue. The pedigree says, he married a daughter of Sir—— Harling, of East-Harling, in Norfolk, Knt.

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(*a*) Cartular. inter evid. Dom. Joh. Playters, Bar. (*b*) Gules, a Cross engrailed, Argent, the first quartering of Jernegan, Plita. Jur. & Assis. apud Chelmsford, divers. com. 57 Hen. III. rot. 3 in dorso.

(*c*) Gules, three Barrs, Gemels, Or, a Canton, Argent, the second quartering of Jernegan.

(*d*) This Sir Henry de Walpol. married Isabel, daughter of Sir Peter Fitz-Osbert, and heir to her brother, Sir Roger Fitz-Osbert, summoned to parliament among the barons of the realm, 22 Edw. I. which Isabel, surviving the said Sir Henry, was married, secondly, to Sir Walter Jernegan, by which match the lordship of Somerly, with other lands, (as Camden observes) devolv'd on the Jernegans, after the death of Sir Roger Fitz-Osbert; she deceased, about 4 Ed. II. and held a third part of the manor of Houton, in dower, as appears by a charter of that date, wherein she is styled, the lady Isabella Gernegayn, late wife of Sir Henry Walpol, Knt. father of Sir Henry Walpol, Knt. then living. Collins's peerage of England, vol. IV. p. 469.

(*e*) Inquis. post mort. Rogeri filii Petri Fitz-Osbert, 34 Ed. I. (*f*) Somerleton was made the capital seat, (*g*) Regr. ab Bury, voc. Kemp. fo. 98.

for his second wife, which seems true, by the quarterings of the Jernegan's, as they were to be seen in Horham church, anno 1663, being put up by Sir John Jernegan, who married Isabel, daughter and heiress of Sir Jervace Clifton: 1. Jernegan. 2. Ingletorp. 3. Fitz-Osbourn. 4. Harling. 5. Mortimer. 6. Gonville; these two are Harlings quarterings. 7. Kelvedon, or Keldon. 8. Clifton. And for his third wife, Ellen, daughter of Sir Robert Huntingfield, of Huntingfield, in Suffolk, Knt. which manor she brought to the family, and died S. P. He was succeeded by,

9. Sir John Jernegan, senior, his son and heir, who inherited the other moiety of the Fitz-Osbert's estate, at the death of Sir John Noion, Knt. whose heir he was; he married Jane, daughter and coheir of Sir William de Kelvedon (*a*), (relict of — Lowdham,) (*b*) who was jointly seized of all his manors of Somerleton, Watne, Horham, &c. at the time of his death, which happened on the Thursday before the feast of the annunciation in 1375.

10. In 1374 (*c*), John Jernegan, junior, his son and heir, married Margaret, daughter of Sir Thomas Vise de Lou, Knt. and had Thomas, and Humfry, buried at Somerley-town, 1446 (*d*), and their father then settled the advowson of Stonham-Jernegan, and Horham, on them and their heirs.

11. Sir Thomas Jernegan (*e*), their son and heir, inherited, and in 1406, had a charter for free-warren, in Somerleton, Flixton, Ilketishall, and Wathe, in Suffolk, and Hadefton, Bunwell, &c. in Norfolk, he married (*f*) Joan, daughter of William Appleyard, of Dunston, in Norfolk (*g*), and had,

12. John Jernegan, senior, Esq; who married Agnes, daughter of Sir John Darell, of Kent, Knt. who died before him, and

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(*a*) The Jernegans quarter this. (*b*) Efc. 28 Ed. I. N. 44. (*c*) Efc. 25 Ed. III. N. 12. 10 Ed. III. N. 26. Suffolk and Norfolk. (*d*) Weaver's fun. mon. p. 724.

(*e*) Fines Suff. 49 Ed. III. (*f*) Pat. 8 Hen. IV. Part. a. M. 16. (*g*) This Sir Thomas, and his wife, lie buried under an altar-tomb, now standing at the north-east corner of Somerleton church. Jernegan's arms, still remain at the west end, and on the south side, Jernegan impales, Appleyard, Azure, a Chevron, Or, between three Owls, Argent, on the Chevron, a Mullet. They glazed the chancel, and their arms still remain on the windows. The inscriptions are lost. Weaver, p. 769. quoting Camden's remains, p. 120, tells us, there was anciently a knight of this family buried here, cross-legged, with this on his grave-stone;

Jesus Christ, both God and Man,
Save thy Servant, Jernegan.

He says, he takes it to be for Sir Richard Jernegan, who was of the privy-chamber to Henry VIII. or else for Sir Robert Jernegan, who was knighted by Charles Brandon, duke of Suffolk, at the surrender of Mount-de-Dier, in France. But I can't be of his opinion, but rather think it was for this Thomas; the other two, tho' they might be descended from this family, had nothing to do here, and lived too late for this inscription, neither doth their relation appear. 1521, Richard Jerningham, Miles, unus militum pro curia regis, erectus ad officium iudicis Camerariarum Seccarum pro termino vite, 13 Hen. VIII. He never was concern'd in this town, nor yet with his family,

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was buried in St. Mary's chapel, in the priory of St. Olaves, at Heringfleet, in Suffolk, (now called St. Tooley's bridge.) This John, settled Horham, on John Jernegan, junior, his son and heir, on his marriage with Isabel, daughter of Sir Jervace Clifton, in 1459; when he left Somerleton to his son, and went and settled at Cove, by Beccles, where he lived, in 1465; and in 1473, (a) made his will, and died 1474; his will was proved, 9 Dec. 1474, by the name of John Jernegan, senior, of Little-Wirlingham, in Suff. Esq; in which, he ordered his body to be buried by his wife, in the aforesaid chapel, where his progenitors were entombed; he gave Little-Wirlingham manor, which he lately purchased of William Cove, to his son, Osbert, for life, and his manor of Wattle, or Wad-hall, in North-Cove; and to John, his eldest son, the manors and advowsons of Somerleton, Stonham-Jernegan, Horham, and Bradwell, and the foundation (*i. e.* advowson,) of the house of St. Olave, besides gifts to his three daughters, at his death, that were nuns, viz. Anne, at Brusyerd, in Suffolk; Thomaline, at Denny, in Cambridgeshire, and Barbara, at Campsey, in Suffolk; he had also another daughter, Elizabeth, married to John Denton.

13. John Jernegan, Esq; his son, succeeded, and died (b) in 1503, seized of the aforesaid manors and advowsons, leaving, by Isabel, his wife, beforementioned, daughter of Sir Gervase Clifton, Knt.

14. Edward Jernegan, Esq; his son and heir, who was afterwards knighted, he had two wives, first (c), Margaret, daughter of Sir Edmund Bedingfield, of Oxborough, in Norfolk, Knt. by whom he had, Sir John Jernegan, of Somerley-town, in Suffolk, Knt. who married, first, Bridget, daughter of Sir Robert Drury, of Hawsted, in Suffolk, Knt. from whom the Jernegans, of Somerley-town, in Suffolk, descended. And for his second wife (d), Mary, daughter of Richard, lord Scroop, of Bolton, in Yorkshire, and (e) coheir to Stephen, her brother, (who survived him, and remarried to (f) Sir William Kingston, knight of the noble order

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(a) Fines 38 Hen. VI. Suff. (b) Register Gilbert, fo. 34. a. (c) She is buried in Somerleton chancel, the brass is now lost, but Mr. Weaver, fo. 724, hath the inscription, which was this;

Margaret Jernegan, the Wyef of Edward Jernegan, Esquier, Daughter of Sir Edward Bedingfelde, Knight which Margaret, dyed the xxiii of Marche, n Anno M. D. 1111, [quare, if not 1511.]

The arms of Jernegan, impaling Bedingfield, remain, but her effigies is gone.

(d) In 1547, Mary Kingston, widow, died seized of the hundreds of Lotherland, and Mutford, and Lowitot, and Mutford manors. Inquis. 5 Nov. 2 Ed. VI. (e) Her sister, Eleanor, married Sir John Windham, of Crownthorp, Knt. who quarters Scroop. (f) Sir William Kingston, knight of the noble order of the garter, gave his son, Anthony Kingston, six great bowls of silver, &c. and to his son-in-law, Sir Henry Jernegan, 20 l. and a gown of black fatten, furred with fables. which the king gave him; to his son-in-law, Edmund Jernegan, 20 l. to his brother, George Kingston, towards the marriage of his

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der of the garter,) by whom he had Sir Henry Jernegan, of Huntingfield, Knt. the founder of the Cosley family; Edmund, who died Feb. 9, 1546, and Edward, born after his father's decease; Frances, who died S. P. and Elizabeth, maid of honour to Queen Mary: Sir Edward, died Jan. 6, 1515, seized of the manors of Horham, Newton, Corton, Stonham-Jernegan, Somerleton, Wathe, Lowestoft, East, West, North, and South Lete, in Gorleston, Mutford, Askeby, &c. and is said to be buried in Somerleton chancel, by his wife.

15. Sir Henry Jernegan, or (a) Jerningham, of Huntingfield, in Suffolk, eldest son and heir of Sir Edward, by his second wife, was a great favourite of Queen Mary I. being the first that appeared openly for her, after the death of Edward VI. (b) being with her at Kenninghall-place, or castle; and continued her trusty friend, for which services she made him vice-chamberlain, and master of her household, and in 1547 (c), the said queen, and King Philip, her husband, gave him this manor of Cosley, with the whole park, and deer therein, with all its members, rights, privileges, and appurtenances, in Cosley, Erlham, Bowthorpe, Easton, Colton, Merlingford, Baber, Elton, Honingham, Thorpe, &c. in the said county, to be held by him and his heirs, in capite, by knights service; from which time it hath passed in a lineal descent, in this ancient family: he married Mary, daughter of Sir George Baynham, of Cloriwell, in com. Gloucester. Knt. (by— daughter and heir of Sir Anthony Kingston, Knt.) and had issue, Henry, William, and two daughters, Jeronyma, married to (d) Charles Waldegrave, of Stanning-hall, in Norfolk, Esq; (ancestor to the present earl of Waldegrave,) and Margaret (e), wife of Sir Thomas Southwell, of Rising, in Norfolk, Knt. he died in 1571, leaving,

The lady Jernegan, his wife, the estate for life, who, this year was found to be possessed of it, in 1572.

16. Henry Jerningham, or Jernegan, Esq; their son and heir, was lord of Cosley, Veales, Sileham, Wingfield, and Lowestoft manors, in Suffolk; he married two wives, 1. Eleanor, daughter of William, lord Dacres, of Gillesland, (and Elizabeth, his wife, daughter of George Talbot, earl of Shrewsbury, and Anne, his wife, daughter of William, lord Hastings, chamberlain to Edward IV.) by whom he had, 1. Henry; 2. William; 3. George,

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his daughters, 4. 1. to his son, Anthony, his manors of Clopton, and Rushe, in Berks, which he purchased of Leonard Rede, Esq; to Mary, his wife, &c. the will was proved in 1541, July 5, Regr. Alynger, in cur. Prerog. Cant. fo. 33.

(a) It seems as if Sir Henry, varied the spelling of the name, that his family might be distinguished from the Somerly Jernegans. Blomfield's Norfolk. (b) Stow, p. 610.

(c) Rot. Pat. 1, 2 P. & M. (d) Collins's peerage, vol. III. p. 767, and others: tho' Mr. Blomfield, in Jernegan's pedigree, makes her granddaughter of this Sir Henry, which is not very likely, for she was, according to Collins, mother of Sir Edward Waldegrave, knighted, July 19, 1607. (e) Le Neve's MSS. penes T. W.

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married to Eleanor, daughter of Sir George Philpot, of Hampshire, Knt. 4. Thomas, who died S. P. and 5. Edward; and a daughter, Anne (*a*), married to John, son and heir of Sir John Arundell, of Lanherne, in Cornwall, Knt. His second wife was, Frances, daughter of Sir John Jernegan, of Somerletown, Knt. widow of Thomas Bedingsfield, of Oxbro', Esq; in 1602, he had an act passed to sell certain lands in Norfolk, and Suffolk, and died June 15, 1619, and was buried in St. Margaret's church, Westminster.

17. Henry Jerningham, or Jernegan, Esq; his eldest son, was created a baronet, 16 Octob. 1621: he married Eleanor, daughter of Thomas Throckmorton, of Coughton, in Warwickshire, Esq; by whom he had three sons, 1. John; 2. William, who had two wives, first, the relict of Lee; and secondly, the relict of Young. I (*b*) suppose he was knighted, for he is often called, Sir William; 3. Thomas, who, I (*c*) suppose, was knighted also, for I meet with him, called Sir Thomas; the said Henry, had also two daughters, Anne, who died single, and Catherine, married to Francis Saunders, of Shankston, in Leicestershire, Esq; and died 5 Sept. 1646.

18. John Jerningham, or Jernegan, Esq; the eldest son, died in his father's life-time, in 1619, he married Anne, daughter of Sir Francis Moore, of Fawley, in com. Berks, Bart. and left two sons, Sir Henry, successor to his grandfather, and Francis, married to Phillippa, daughter of — Crambleton, of Newthorn, in com. Ebor. Esq;

19. Sir Henry Jerningham, or Jernegan, Bart. successor to his grandfather in title and estate, married (*d*) Mary, daughter of Benedict Hall, of High-Meadow, in Gloucestershire, Esq; by whom he had two sons, Sir Francis, his successor, and Benedict, who died at Paris, unmarried, in 1668; and one daughter.

20. Sir Francis Jerningham, or Jernegan, of Cossey, Bart. who was lord in 1693, married Anne, daughter of Sir George Blount, of Sodington, in Worcestershire, Bart. by whom he had six sons; 1. Sir John, his successor; 2. Sir George; 3. Charles, M. D. who married the hon. Mrs. Elizabeth Roper, daughter of Philip, late lord Teynham; she died Nov. 14, 1736, S. P. 4. Henry, who married Mary, daughter to Nicholas Jonquet L'Epine, of London, merchant, and hath issue five sons, and three daughters, Francis,

(*a*) Le Neve's MSS. penes T. W. (*b*) Mr. Blomfield's Norfolk, in Jernegan's pedigree. (*c*) Ibid. (*d*) In Bookham church, in Surry, Le Neve's monumenta ejusd. anni, vol. II. p. 19.

Here lyeth Mary Jernegan, wife of Henry Jernegan. of Cossey, in the county of Norfolk, Bart. daughter of Benedict Hall, of High-Meadow, in the county of Gloucester, Esq; who died the 30th of April, A^o Dni. 1653, leaving him two sons, and one daughter.

Deus meus et omnia.

Francis, Henry, Charles, Nicholas, Hugh, Mary, Elizabeth, and Edwardina, all in their minority; 5. Francis, died unmarried, Nov. 20, 1739. 6. Edward, who married Elizabeth, daughter of John Keighly, of Gray's-Inn, Esq; and hath issue, a son, George, and one daughter, both young: Sir Francis, left also two daughters, Anne, and Mary, both unmarried: he died, Aug. 20, 1730, and his lady, Feb. 13, 1735, by whom he left,

21. Sir John Jerningham, or Jernegan, Bart. his eldest son, who succeeded him, and married Margaret, daughter of Sir Henry Bedingfield, of Oxboro', Bart. sister to the present Sir Henry Bedingfield, Bart. (who is now living,) but on the death of Sir John, without issue, June 14, 1737, Colley, &c. went to his brother,

22. Sir George Jerningham (*a*), the present baronet, who married Mary, daughter of Francis Plowden, of Plowden, in Worcestershire, Esq; (by Mary, his wife, sister to the late earl of Stafford,) by whom he hath three sons, John, William, and Edward, all in their minority.

ARMS: Argent, three arming Buckles, Gules.

CREST: A Faulcon, issuing from an imperial Crown, proper.

MOTTO: *Virtus basis vitæ.*

SEAT: At *Coffey-hall*, in *Norfolk*.

54. PHILIPPS, of Picton-Castle, Pembrokeeshire.

(JOHN, ESQUIRE,)

Created BARONET, Nov. 9, 1621.

THIS family (*b*), which is of great antiquity in South-Wales, is lineally descended from,

1. Cadifor ap Colhoyn, of Blaenkych, lord of Dyfed, or Pembrokeeshire, who, on account of his large estate, was called Cadifor-Vawr, or, the Great. He was of the same tribe with Vortigern, king of Britain, and paternally descended from Maximus, king of Britain, and emperor of Rome. He married Hellen, daughter and sole heir to Llŵch Llŵen Vawr, a lord of South-Wales, by whom he had three sons, among whom he divided his lordships and possessions: to Bledri, surnamed Latimer, his eldest, he gave Kylfant, Guidigada, Trayan Elgoed, Kastlecoch, in Penrhyn, Llandilo Kantref yw, Manner Gayng, Coed Ralph, and Stackpoole, in Pembrokeeshire, with much other lands, and died, anno Dom. 1034, and was buried in the priory of Carmarthen.

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(*a*) Ex inf. Dem. Geo. Jerningham, Bar. (*b*) Ex inf. Jo. Philipps, de Killgetty, Arm.

2. Bledri, lord of Kylfant, married Clydwen, daughter to Gryffyth ap Cydrych, lord of Gwynvay, and by her had issue,

3. Rhys ap Bledri: he took to wife, Ancreta, daughter to Rhys ap Gryffyth, prince of South-Wales, commonly called lord Rhys, (who was lineally descended from Cadwaladar, last king of Britain, of the British race,) and had issue by her,

4. Sir Aaron ap Rhys, who attended King Richard I. into the Holy Land, anno 1190, and behaved himself so gallantly, against the Saracens, that he received the order of knighthood of the sepulchre of our Saviour, and King Richard gave him for arms, a Lion rampant, Sable, in a Field, Argent, to which, Sir Aaron, added a Crown, and Chain, in token that he bound himself, and all his offspring, to be for ever loyal to the crown of England, since which, his posterity have always bore the same arms. He married Tanylwst, daughter of Ednyied Fychan (by Gwenllhan, daughter to Rhys ap Gryffyth, prince of South-Wales, beforementioned,) by whom he had, Gwyllim ap Aaron: Ednyied Fychan, was lord of Krygiath, chief-justice, and chief counsellor to Llewelyn ap Iorwerth Drwyndyn, prince of all Wales, and was father to Gronw ap Ednyfed, paternal ancestor to King Henry VII.

5. Gwyllym ap Aaron, of Kylfant, Esq; married Jennet, daughter to Meyric ap Trahearn, lord of Garthmull, by whom he had,

6. Madog ap Gwyllym, Esq; he left issue by his wife, Jennet, daughter of Griffith ap Ivor, of Castleodwin, Esq;

7. Evan ap Madog, Esq; who married Catherine, daughter of Sir Elidor Ddy, knight of the sepulchre, and by her had,

8. Philip ap Evan, Esq; he took to wife Hellen, daughter of William ap Cradog ap Henry, Esq; and left issue,

9. Meredith, who was the first of the family that took on him the surname of Philipps, stiling himself, Meredith Philipps, instead of Meredith ap Philip: he married Gwendolena, daughter to Evan ap Gwyllym, Esq; by whom he had,

10. Philip Philipps, of Kylfant, Esq; who, by his wife Jennet, daughter to Jenkin Lloyd Ychan, of Pwllodyfarch, Esq; left issue,

11. Sir Thomas Philipps, Knt. he left Kylfant, the seat of his ancestors, and resided at Picton-castle, which he had in right of his wife, Jane, daughter and heir to Henry Done, of Picton, Esq; son of Owen Done, of Mudlescombe, Esq; by Catherine, daughter and heir of Sir John Wogan, of Picton, Knt. great-grandson of Sir John Wogan, of Wiston, Knt. who married Jane, daughter and heir of Sir William Picton, of Picton, Knt. (whose ancestor came to Dyfed, or Pembroke-shire, with Arnulph, of Montgomery, in the time of King William Rufus, and then had Picton-castle, for his partage.) Sir Thomas, had issue, John, and Owen,
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and left Kylfant, to the latter, who married Jennet, daughter to Lewis-Thomas ap John, of Cwmgwylly, Esq; and by her had David Philipps, Esq; ancestor to the present William Philipps, of Kylfant, Esq; high sheriff of the county of Carmarthen, anno 1739.

12. John Philipps, of Picton-castle, Esq; eldest son of Sir Thomas, married Elizabeth, daughter to Sir William Griffith, of Penryn, Knt. chamberlain of North-Wales, and by her had issue, William, and Morgan; William, married Jennet Perrott, and left only daughters.

13. Morgan Philipps, of Picton-castle, Esq; took to wife, Elizabeth, daughter to Richard Fletcher, of Bangor, Esq; (by Grace, daughter to James Bithell, Esq;) and by her had,

14. Sir John Philipps, of Picton-castle, the first baronet of the family, so created, Nov. 9, 19 Jac. I. he married Anne, daughter and coheir to Sir John Perrot, of Haroldston, Knt. lord-deputy of the kingdom of Ireland, and privy-counsellor to Queen Elizabeth, by whom he had issue, 1. Sir Richard, who succeeded him; 2. Hugh; 3. John, who died without issue; 4. Dorothy, who married Francis, viscount Valentia, and lord Mountnorris, and had by him, Arthur, earl of Anglesey, ancestor to the present earl; 5. Lettice, who married John Owen, of Trecoone, Esq; 6. Jane, who married James Hamilton, lord of Clondeboy; 7. Elizabeth; and 8. Mary, who married John Scourfield, of New-Mote, Esq; from whom the present William Scourfield, Esq; is descended; 9. Olive, who married Sampson Lort, of Stackpole, Esq; 10. Frances, who married Sir Hugh Owen, of Orielson, Bart. and by him had Sir Hugh, father of the present Sir Arthur Owen, Bart. 11, 12. two other daughters. Hugh Philipps, Esq; second son of Sir John, married Anne, daughter to Roger Lort, of Stackpole, Esq; by whom he had, Richard, who succeeded him, and married Frances Noel, of the Gainborough family: he had issue by her, Charles, who succeeded him, Richard Philipps, Esq; now major-general of his majesty's forces, colonel of a regiment of foot, and governor of Newfoundland, and Nova Scotia, John, and Edward, both captains of foot, and the former, weigher and teller of his majesty's mint; Dorothy, laundress of his majesty's table and household-linnen, and several others who are deceased. Charles Philipps, Esq; married to his first wife, Anne, daughter of William Philipps, of Haythogg, Esq; by whom he left issue, William, Martha, now the wife of captain William Shewen, and Frances, the wife of captain Daniel: his second wife was, Philippa, daughter of Rowland Laugharne, of St. Bride's, Esq; by whom he had, Theodosia, now the widow of Thomas Skyrme, Esq; Anne, now the wife of Samuel Smith, Gent. Rowland, (who married Martha, daughter of John Edwardes, Esq; by whom

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whom he has, Rowland, Edward, Hugh, and several daughters,) and Philippa, now the wife of William Adams, Esq; his third wife was, Mary Brown, widow, daughter of Dr. Owen, by whom he had, Mary, and Charles, both unmarried: his fourth wife was Dorothy Skyrme, widow, daughter of William Scourfield, Esq; by whom he had no issue. William Philipps, Esq; succeeded his father, Charles, and married Albinia, daughter of the said Rowland Laugharne, Esq; by whom he left issue, Charles, and four daughters, Anne, Theodosia, Mary, and Albinia. Charles Philipps, of Hill, Esq; succeeded his father, William, and married Anne, daughter of Thomas Skyrme, Esq; by Theodosia, before-mentioned, and hath issue William, and Anne.

15. Sir Richard Philipps, Bart. succeeded his father, Sir John, and garrison'd his castle of Picton, for King Charles I. in the time of the civil wars; he married Elizabeth, daughter to Sir Erasmus Dryden, of Canons-Ashby, in the county of Northampton, Bart. by whom he had Sir Erasmus, and one daughter, Frances, who married James Philipps, of Tregibbye, in the county of Cardigan, Esq;

16. Sir Erasmus Philipps, Bart. succeeded his father, Sir Richard, and married, first, lady Cecily, daughter of Thomas Finch, earl of Winchelsea, by whom he had one son, who died young, and Anne, who married, first, Thomas Bowen, of Trelloyne, Esq; (who, dying without issue, anno 1677, that estate came to the family of the Philipps's,) and then, Thomas Heywood, of Rudbaxton, Esq; Sir Erasmus's second lady was, Catherine, daughter and coheir of the hon. Edward Darcy, Esq; (by lady Elizabeth, daughter to Philip Stanhope, earl of Chesterfield,) by whom he had issue, 1. Edward Philipps, Esq; who married Elizabeth, daughter and heir of John Canon, of Killgetty, Esq; but died without issue, 15 April, 1694, in his father's life-time; she afterwards married Simon Harcourt, Esq; but died without issue, Aug. 17, 1706, by which, the estate of Kilgetty, came to the family of the Philipps's; 2. Sir John; 3. Captain Erasmus Philipps, who was killed in the engagement at Bantry Bay; and was unmarried; 4. William, who died young; 5. Elizabeth, who married John Shorter, Esq; and by him had three sons, still living, John, Erasmus, and Arthur, and two daughters, deceased, Catherine, (who married Sir Robert Walpole, knight of the most noble order of the garter. and by him had, Robert, now lord Walpole, Edward, joint secretary of the treasury, and Horatio, usher of the exchequer,) and Charlotte, (who married Francis, late lord Conway, and by him had, Francis, now lord Conway;) 6. Arabella, who married Richard Vaughan, of Derwith, Esq; a Welch judge, and member of parliament for the town of Carmarthen, and died without issue. Sir Erasmus Philipps, was

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in that office, as well as in dignity and estate, 18 Jan. 1696, by his son,

17. Sir John Philipps, Bart. who married, Dec. 12, 1697, Mary, daughter and heir to Anthony Smith, Esq; East-India merchant, who died Nov. 18, 1722: he had issue by her, three sons, still living, and three daughters, Catherine, Elizabeth, and Mary, who all died unmarried. Of this gentleman, we can't give a better account, than what appears on a handsome marble monument erected to his memory, in the parish church of St. Mary, in the town and county of Haverford-west, as follows:

' Here lye the Remains of Sir John Philipps, of Picton-castle, in the County of Pembroke, Bart. who departed this Life Jan. 5, 1736, at London, in the 77th Year of his age. He serv'd with great Reputation and Honour for the Town of Pembroke, and for this Town and County, in several Parliaments, where his constant Aim was to promote the Cause of Virtue and Religion, and the real Good of his Country. He was one of the most active Commissioners for building the fifty new Churches in and about the City of London, and a leading Member, in that Metropolis, of many charitable Societies, to which he was a very ample Benefactor. To attempt a Character of this great and good Man, so well known and admir'd at home, and in foreign Countries, would be an Injury to it: his good Works speak eloquently for him, particularly his extensive Liberality on all occasions, to this Town and County, of which, at his Death, he was the oldest Common-Council-Man. He left issue, three sons, Members also of our Common-Council, Sir Erasmus Philipps, of Picton-castle, Bart. our Representative in Parliament; John Philipps, of Killgetty, Esq; Mayor of this Corporation; and Bulkeley Philipps, Esq; who erected this Monument to the pious Memory of their late excellent Father.'

18. Sir Erasmus Philipps, the present baronet, who succeeded his father in dignity and estate, was member in the three last parliaments, as he is also in the present, for the town and county of Haverford-west, and is as yet unmarried.

John Philipps, of Kilgetty, in com. Pemb. Esq; barrister at law, member in the present parliament for the county borough of Carmarthen, married, an. 1725, Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. Henry Shepherd, of the city of London, (by Mary, daughter of Thomas Allestree, of Allvaston, in the county of Derby, Esq;) by whom he hath issue, now living, Mary, Elizabeth, Catherine, and Joyce.

Bulkeley Philipps, of Abercover, in com. Carm. Esq; married Philippa, daughter of William Adams, of the town of Pembroke, Esq;

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ARMS: Argent, a Lion rampant, Sable, ducally gorg'd, Gules, to which is a Chain, Or.

CREST: On a Wreath of his Colours, a Lion rampant, as in the Arms.

MOTTO: *Ducit amor patriæ.*

Principal SEATS: At *Picton-Castle*, (a very ancient building) and *Trelloyne*, both in the county of *Pembroke*, and *Clogyfran*, in the county of *Carmarthen*; *Killgetty*, in the county of *Pembroke*, the seat of John Philipps, Esq; and *Abercover*, in the county of *Carmarthen*, belongs to Bulkeley Philipps, Esq;

55. STEPNEY, of Prendergast, Pembrokeeshire.

(Sir JOHN, KNIGHT,)

Created BARONET, NOV. 24, 1621.

THE origin of this family is deduced, by the English genealogists, from Ralph Stepney, of St. Alban's, Esq; lord of Aldenham, in com. Hertford, who was interr'd in Aldenham church, the 3d of December, 1548. He had issue by the daughter and heir of — Cressy, William Stepney, lord of Aldenham, who had issue, Thomas Stepney, Esq; (a). He married the daughter and heir to John Wynde, (or Wyld,) of Fromsey, in com. Huntington, Esq; and had issue, Robert, and Alban.

Robert, married, and had issue, Pool Stepney, Esq; who sold the lordship of Aldenham, to Sir Edward Cary, Knt. father to the lord Falkland.

Alban Stepney, Esq; second son, was register of the diocese of St. David's. He married, first, Margaret, daughter and coheir to Thomas Catharn (a), of Prendergast, Esq; by whom he had no issue. He married to his second wife, Mary, daughter and coheir to William Philipps, of Picton-castle, Esq; by both which matches, he became possessed of a very plentiful estate. By the latter, he had issue three sons, John; Philip, a barrister at law, who died S. P. and Sir Thomas Stepney, Knt. who was a great courtier, and travelled into France, and other countries; he was twice married, first, to the daughter of — Fisher, of Hants, Esq; relict of — Wallop, of the same county, Esq; by whom he had no issue; secondly, to Mary, eldest daughter and coheir of

(a) See Vincent's Wales, p. 548.

(b) Le Neve says, Margaret, daughter and heir of — Goddern, and that she had the manor of Prendergast, which came to Goddern, by the daughter and coheir of Joyce; they liv'd married seven years, and she was buried at Prendergast, without issue, MSS. Vol. II. p. 13.

of Sir Bernard Whetstone, of Woodford, in Essex, Knt. by whom he had, Bernard, and other children (*a*); the said Alban, had also two daughters, Dorothy, married to Sir Francis Mansell, of Muddlescombe, Bart. and Joan, to John Philipps, of Nash, in com. Pembroke, Esq;

John Stepney, Esq; son and heir, was of Prendergast, and created a baronet, the 19th of James I. He married Catherine, daughter to Sir Francis Mansell, of Muddlescombe, in com. Carmarthen, Bart. by whom he had four sons, 1. Sir John, his successor; 2. Alban, who died, aged twenty-one; 3. Thomas, who married Price, daughter and coheir of Sir Henry Jones, of Albermarles, in com. Carmarthen, Bart. by whom he had Sir John, hereafter mentioned; 4. Charles, who married ———, daughter of Sir Richard Pryse, of Gogarthan, in com. Cardigan, Bart. relict of ——— Vaughan, of Lhanelthy, Esq; by whom he had three sons; Richard, who married the daughter of ——— Tancred, and died S. P. Charles, who was paymaster to Waller's marine regiment, and died of his wounds received at Cork, 1690, S. P. and Alban, who died at sea, S. P. and one daughter, Jane, married to Mr. Bloydon, of Dresden, in Germany: Sir John, had also four daughters, Jane, married to Thomas Vaughan, of Penteparke, in com. Carmarthen, Esq; Dorothy, wife of Richard Bloome, of Aberguilly, in com. Carmarthen, Esq; Martha, married to William Bladwell, of Swannington, in Norfolk, Esq; and Frances.

Sir John Stepney, Bart. succeeded his father in title and estate: he married Magdalen, daughter and coheir to Sir Henry Jones, of Albermarles, in com. Carmarthen, Bart. by whom he had issue one daughter, Frances, his sole heir, married to Henry Mansell, of Lanelthy, Esq; grandfather to the present Sir Edward Mansell, of Trimfaran, Bart.

After the decease of the last Sir John Stepney, Bart. without issue male, the dignity, and great part of the estate devolved to Sir John Stepney, Bart. son to his brother, Thomas, who also had married Price, another daughter and coheir of Sir Henry Jones, Bart.

Which Sir John Stepney, Bart. who succeeded his uncle, married Justina, daughter and heir to Sir Anthony Vandyke, Knt. (*b*) the celebrated limner, by whom he had issue, his son and successor,

(*a*) I take it, that George Stepney, Esq; who was envoy to several places abroad, in the reign of King William, and made a considerable figure in the world, was a son of this Sir Thomas Stepney, Knt. he lies buried in Westminster-abbey; see his inscription, in Le Neve's *monumenta Anglicana*, vol. IV. p. 228.

(*b*) Sir Anthony Vandike, the famous picture-drawer, whose children, according to his pedigree, stood very near to the succession of the crown. Burnet's *hist. of his own time*, vol. I. p. 19.

Bp. Burnet, speaking of Gowry's conspiracy, says, (in his history of his own times, part 29.) 'One thing, which none of the historians have taken any notice of, and might have

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Sir Thomas Stepney, the present baronet, who married Margaret, sister and coheir to Walter Vaughan, of Llanelthy, in com. Carm. Esq; and has issue one son, John Stepney, Esq; married to Eleanor, daughter and heir to John Lloyd, of Buckleithwen, in com. Carmarthen. Esq; by whom he has issue, one son, and two daughters.

ARMS: Gules, a Fess-Checkee, Or and Azure, between three Owls, Argent.

CREST: On a Torce, Or and Azure, a Talbott's Head, ear's'd, Gules, ear'd, and holding in his Chaps a Hart's Horn, Or, about his Neck, a Collar-Checkee, Or and Azure.

SEAT: At *Prendergast*, near *Haverford-west*, in *Pembrokeshire*.

56. W A K E, of Clevedon, Somersetshire.

(BALDWIN, ESQUIRE,)

Created BARONET, Dec. 5, 1621.

THE Wakes, are mentioned by Brompton, among the nobles and others, who came over with William, the conqueror. But 'tis the opinion of skilful antiquaries, that the Wake, mentioned in the roll of Battle-abbey, was one of those, who, being weary of Harold's usurpation, fled over into Normandy, to invite the conqueror in, and came over with him.

As to the first rise of the name of Wake, 'tis observed by Dr. Patrick, out of the registers of Peterborough, that Herewaldus,

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induced the earl of Gowry, to have with'd to put King James out of the way; for, upon the king's death, he stood next to the succession to the crown of England; for, King Henry the seventh's daughter, that was married to King James IV. did, after his death, marry Dowglas, earl of Angus: but they could not agree; so, a precontract was proved against him, upon which, by a sentence from Rome, the marriage was voided, with a clause in favour of the issue, since born under a marriage, *de facto*, and *bona fide*: lady Margaret Dowglas, was the child so provided for. I did peruse the original bull, confirming the divorce: after that, the queen dowager married one Francis Steward, and had by him a son, called lord Methuen, by King James V. In the patent, he is called *Frater noster uterinus*. He had only a daughter, who was mother, or grandmother to the earl of Gowry; so that by this, he might be glad to put the king out of the way, that so he might stand next to the succession of the crown of England. He had a brother, then a child, who, when he grew up, and found he could not carry the name of Ruthen, which, by an act of parliament made after this conspiracy, none might carry; he went and lived beyond sea, and it was given out that he had the philosopher's stone. He had two sons who died without issue, and one daughter, married to Sir Anthony Vandike, the famous picture-drawer. For the trial of the earl of Gowry, and the conspirators, see State-trials, fo. vol. VII.

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or Hewaldus, was furnam'd de Wake, or, le Wake, (a pregnant instance of the Saxon original of this family,) and was one of the bravest heroes of his age and country, whose memorable acts are set forth by Ingulphus. He was the last who submitted to the conqueror, who came to an agreement with him about the year 1076, by virtue whereof, he was entirely restored to his estate and honour. Part of his estate, were the lordships of Brunne, and Depyng, the last of which continu'd in this family, till the beginning of the last century.

His daughter and heir, was married to Hugh Evermur, whose granddaughter, Adelhidis, was wedded to Baldwin Fitz-Gilbert, brother to Walter, the father of Gilbert de Gant, the first earl of Lincoln, of that race. By which Baldwin, she had a daughter, Emme, who was heir to him, and the beforementioned Herewald, and took the name of Wake, as is evident from an ancient charter of the abby of Brun. In the time of Henry I. she is mentioned to be the wife of Hugh le Wac: and 'tis agreed that she settled her name on her husband, and that she brought him the great (a) possessions and dignities of Herewald, &c. They left issue, Baldwin le Wac, so called from his grandfather, (by his mother's side) Baldwin Fitz-Gilbert.

Which Baldwin Wake, was one of the barons at the coronation of King Richard I. and temp. Hen. III. Baldwin Wac, was one of the chief barons in arms, against the king; but submitting, at last obtain'd his pardon. John, his son, was in the wars of Gascoigne, 26 Edw. I. and afterwards in those of Scotland, being in commission with the archbishop of York, for securing the marches. He had summons to parliament, as lord Wake, of Lydell, in Northamptonshire, from 23 to 28 Edw. I. His son, Thomas, was appointed constable of the tower of London, and justice in Eyre, of the forests, south of Trent, by Queen Isabell, in opposition to her husband, King Edward II. After whose deposal, he also had Hertford-castle committed to his government.—But in the succeeding reign, had his lands seized, on suspicion of his adherence to Edmond, earl of Kent; but acquitting himself thereof, was restored, and made governor of Guernsey, Jersey, Sark, and Alderney, and guardian of the Lincolnshire coast.—He had summons among the barons to parliament, from 22 Edw. II. to 22 Edw. III. and died soon after without issue, by his wife, the lady Blanch Plantagenet, sister to Henry, duke

(a) Camden, in his *Britannia*, vol. I. p. 554, says, 'The possessions of Hugh Ernmeve, lord of Depyng, came (as he was inform'd) to the barons de Wake, a family, who being much enrich'd by the estate of the Estotevills, were very eminent in these parts (Lincolnshire) till Edward the second's time, but then, by an heir female, their inheritance came, in right of marriage, to Edmond, of Woodstock, earl of Kent, youngest son to King Edward I. From a younger branch, is descended the ancient and famous family of the Wakes, of Blisworth, in Northamptonshire, still remaining.'

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of Lancaster; — whereupon, the inheritance passed with his sister and heir, Margaret, by marriage to Edmund, of Woodstock, earl of Kent, (youngest son to King Edward I.) by whom she had issue, Joan, (after the death of her two brothers,) countess of Kent, and for her beauty call'd the fair maid of Kent; — who, marrying Sir Thomas Holland, second son of Sir Robert Holland, of Lancashire, one of the first founders of the garter, he thereupon had the titles of earl of Kent, and baron Wake, of Lydell, allowed him. — This Joan, afterwards, by marriage with Edward, the black prince, became mother of King Richard II. (a)

In one of the church windows, at Chesterfield, in Derbyshire, are the arms of Edmond Plantagenet, and Margaret Wake, above-mentioned, impaled together.

Sir Hugh, younger son of Baldwyn, the last baron of that name, and brother of John, baron Wake, beforementioned, had, by gift of his said father, the lordship of Deeping, in Lincolnshire, and Blyfeworth, in Northamptonshire.

This Sir Hugh, was one of the knights of the shire for the county of Northampton, in 30 Edw. I. and 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 Edw. II. and in 34 Edw. I. one of the knights in parliament for Wilts. The same year he was in the Scottish wars; as also, in 4 Edw. II. and died in 9 Edw. II. leaving issue, by Joan, daughter and coheir of John de Wolverton,

Thomas, his son, who was among the knights of the county of Northampton, that were returned into chancery, 17 Edw. III. He died in 20 Edw. III. 1345, and was buried at Deeping. This Sir Thomas Wake, was the valiant seneschal of Rovergne, and was with the black prince, in the battle of Najara, and gallantly maintained, for his master, the castle and city of Millaud, about a day's journey from Mompelier; and tho' all the country about it, soon after turn'd French, yet he maintain'd that and another fortress, for about a year and a half; when, being besieged by a great army, and no hopes of relief, he capitulated, and march'd out with colours flying, bag and baggage. He was likewise sheriff of Northamptonshire, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 Edw. III. By Alice, his wife, daughter and coheir to Sir John Pateshull, of Blethso, in com. Bedf. Knt. one of the barons of this realm; he was father of Sir Thomas, who married Maud, daughter of Sir Thomas Pigot, Knt. and whose son, Sir Thomas, died, seized of Blyfeworth, 8 Rich. II. He was sheriff of Northamptonshire, in 2 Rich. II. His wife was, Margaret, daughter and coheir of Sir John Philpot, of Kent, Knt. by whom, he was father of Sir Thomas Wake,

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(a) 'The manor of Deping, in com. Lincoln, came to the crown, by the black prince's marrying Joan, the fair maid of Kent, who was daughter to Edmund, of Woodstock, earl of Kent, and of Margaret, sister and heiress to Thomas Wake, the last of that line: it is very remarkable, that she had been twice married before, and twice divorced.' Camden's Britannia, vol. I. p. 557.

Knt. gentleman of the privy-chamber, and of the council, to King Edward IV. and much in favour with that king. He possessed divers manors in the county of Somerset, Northamptonshire, Kent, and Wales; and was called, the Great Wake. He was one of the knights in parliament, for Northamptonshire, in 1, 5, and 8 Hen. V. and sheriff thereof, 2 Hen. V. as also 13, 25, and 29 Hen. VI. likewise in 27 Hen. VI. was one of the knights for Somersetshire. He married Agnes, daughter and heir to Sir Thomas Lovell, Knt.

Roger Wake, of Blyfeworth, his son and heir, founded a free-school, at Blyfeworth, was sheriff of Northampton, in 2 Rich. III. and siding with that prince at the battle of Bosworth, against Henry, earl of Richmond, (afterwards King Henry VII.) was attainted in parliament, (with Thomas, earl of Surry, and many others, Nov. 7, 1 Hen. VII.) but afterwards obtained his pardon, and restitution of his lands. He died in 19 H. VII. leaving issue, by Elizabeth, daughter to Sir William Catesby, of Ashby-legers, in com. Northton, Knt. four sons, 1. Thomas, who married Isabel, sister and coheir of Sir Edward Sapcotes, of Burleigh, in com. Rutland, Knt. but his issue failed; 2. Richard, who continued the line; 3. William, who had lands in Carynton, in com. Bedf. by gift from his father; and 4. John Wake, of Milton, in com. Somerset, Esq; who left an only daughter.

Richard, second son of Roger, who had lands by the gift of his father, at Wanstry, in com. Somerset, as also the manor of Clifedon, with the mansion seat, but resided at Hartwell, in com. Northampton, and was buried at Rhode, in that county; married Dorothy, daughter of Sir John Dive, of Bromham, in Bedfordshire, Knt. to his first wife; and Margaret, daughter of Thomas Grey, marquis of Dorset, to his second. He had issue, six sons; 1. John Wake, of Clyffedon, also of Hartwell; 2. William; 3. Richard; 4. Thomas, of Fenny-Stratford, in com. Bucks; 5. Robert, of London; and 6. Francis.

John, son and heir of Richard, married Elizabeth, daughter and coheir of Sir Edward Gorges, Knt. and had issue five sons; 1. John; 2. Edward; 3. Arthur; 4. Robert; and 5. William Wake, from whom was descended, his grace, William Wake, the late archbishop of Canterbury.

John Wake, Esq; eldest son of John, aforesaid, married Margaret, daughter and heir of Robert Goodwin, of Portbury, in com. Somerset, Esq; and had issue, Baldwin Wake, of Clevedon, in com. Somerset, Esq; whom King James I. in the nineteenth of his reign, thought fit to fix somewhat nearer to the station and place of his ancestors, by creating him a baronet.

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to the Digbys, barons of Geafhill, created earl of Bristol,) by whom he had issue three sons, Sir John, his successor, George, and Baldwin; also a daughter, Abigail, married to William Pitt, of Hartley-Westpool, in com. Southampton, Esq; (who left a daughter, married to the lord Stawell.)

Sir John Wake, of Clevedon, Bart. raised a troop of horse for King Charles I. and mortgaged his estate to serve him. He married to his first wife, Bridget, daughter and coheir of Henry Sandys, of Blumpton, in com. Northampton, Esq; by whom he had issue Sir William, and George Wake, chancellor of the diocese of Peterborough, who left no issue. His second lady was, Anne, daughter and coheir of Gregory Brokesby, of Frithby, in com. Leicester, Esq; by whom he had one son, Charles, who died issueless.

Sir William Wake, Bart. successor to his father, married Diana, daughter to Sir Drue Drury, of Riddleworth-hall, in com. Norfolk, Bart. by whom he had eight sons; 1. Sir John, successor to his father; 2. William, who died unmarried; 3. Sir Baldwin, successor to his brother; 4. Robert Wake, who was some time rector of Buxstead, in the county of Suffex, and afterwards dean of Bocking, in Essex: he married Elizabeth, daughter of William Greenfield, of Marlbro' in com. Wilts, Esq; and had issue, 1. Robert, who died unmarried; 2. Thomas, who died at Westminster-school; 3. William, who is now living and unmarried; and two daughters, twins, Anne, and Elizabeth, both living, unmarried: 5. Samuel Wake-Jones, who was possessed of a fair estate, at Waltham-Abby, in Essex, by the gift of Sir Samuel Jones, and left it to his nephew, Charles Wake-Jones, Esq; hereafter mentioned; 6. Isaac; 7. Drury; and 8. George, who died unmarried.

Sir John Wake, Bart. the eldest son, succeeded his father, in Jan. 1697, and died issueless, A. D. 1714, whereupon the dignity fell to his brother,

Sir Baldwin Wake, the present baronet, who married Mary, daughter of Mr. Hart, of Burford, in Oxfordshire, and had issue two sons, and two daughters.

Baldwin Wake, Esq; eldest son, married Mary, daughter and coheir of Edward Lane, of Hanslope, in Buckinghamshire, Esq; and died March 14, 1734, and his wife, Feb. 19, 1735, leaving one son, Charles, heir expectant to the title.

Charles, the younger son, had the estate of Waltham-abbey, in Essex, left him by his uncle, Samuel Wake-Jones, Esq; to take the name of Jones, upon him. He was high sheriff of the county of Northampton, in 1735, and married Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Sir Samuel Sambroke, of Bush-hill, in com. Middlesex, Bart. by whom he had no issue, and died at Courteen-hall, in North-

hamptonshire, March 22, 1739-40, and was interr'd at Waltham-abbey, in Essex.

The daughters were, Diana, married the rev. Mr. Tinsley, of Chipping-Norton, in Wilts; and Mary, married to Henry Jones, Esq; and died March 17, 1728⁸/₉.

ARMS: Or, two Barrs, Gules, in chief, three Torteauxes.

CREST: On a Wreath, a Knot, (commonly called Wake's-Knot.)

MOTTO: *Vigila, & ora.*

Ancient SEATS of the family: *Blyfeworth*, and *Courteen-ball*, in *Northamptonshire*.

57. HOTHAM, of Scorbrough, Yorkshire.

(Sir JOHN, KNIGHT,)

Created BARONET, Jan. 4, 1621.

THE family of Hotham, is descended (as our genealogists have made out) from Sir John de Trehoufe, lord of Kilkenny, in Ireland, who serv'd under William the conqueror; and for his good services at the battle of Hastings, had a grant of the castle and manors of Colley-Weston, in com. Northampton, and Hotham, in com. Ebor.

The fourth, in a direct descent from this Sir John de Trehoufe, was, Peter de Trehoufe, who, from his residence at Hotham, assumed that surname, which his descendants ever after retained.

He was living (as a deed shews) in 1188, 35 Henry II. and his son, Sir John Hothum, (as the name was anciently wrote,) by a daughter of Baldwin, lord Wake, was grandfather to Sir Peter de Hothum, and to John de Hothum, one of the most eminent men of the age he lived in, being in the greatest favour with King Edward II. and King Edward III. King Edw. II. made him, first, his domestick chaplain, and after, employing him in several weighty affairs, constituted him bishop of Ely, treasurer of the exchequer, and lord-chancellor of England. And he was also lord-chancellor of England, in the reign of King Edw. III. Bp Godwin, in his catalogue of bishops, says thus of him; 'Within the compass of the same yeere, a chaplain of the king's, named John Hotham, or Hothun, sometimes chancellor of the university of Oxford, as also the chancellor of the king's exchequer, was made bishop of Ely, and the next yeere, viz. 1317, chancellor of England: a man wise and vertuous,

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but very unlearned. Hee continued in that office two yeeres, and then giving it over, was made treasurer. That place also he resigned within a twelve-moneth, and betooke himself altogether to the government of his church. In his time, the steeple, in a night, fell down upon the quier, making a most horrible and feareful noyse. This steeple, (now called the lanterne,) was in his time re-edified, the charge whereof, and other buildings about the church, within the space of twenty yeeres, amounted unto the summe of 6094l. 18s. 10d. ob. q. Beside which summe, this bishop bestowed 2034l. 12s. 8 ob. q. in finishing of the presbitery, begun heretofore by Hugh Norwold, his predecessor, as a writing yet to be seen upon the north wall of the said presbytery, witnesseth. So that upon the verie fabricke and building of the church, he spent 4441l. 9s. 7d. ob. farthing. Besides which, this worthy benefactor gave unto his covent, the mannour of Holbourne, with fixe tenements belonging to the same, and to his church, a chalice, and two crewets of pure gold, very costly wrought. Hee sate almost twenty yeeres, and died at Somersham, upon St. Paule's day, January 25, 1336, of the palsie, whereof he had lain sicke two yeeres. He lyeth entoombed in a monument of alabaster, that was sometimes a very stately and goodly building, but now shamefully defaced, as are also all other monuments of the church. It standeth east from the lesse altar, in the middle, but to the west end of the presbytery.

Sir John Hothum, knight of the Bath, son and heir of Sir Peter de Hothum, (elder brother of the bishop) was, for his eminent services, summon'd to parliament, as a baron of this realm, in 8 Edw. II. as is evident from Sir William Dugdale's baronage, and other authorities (a); and, by Agnes, his wife, daughter and heir of Sir John Hasleton, of Hasleton, in com. Ebor. Knt. had issue, Sir John Hothum, his son and heir, and Thomas Hothum, second son, who, by the failure of issue male of his brother, inherited the manors of Scorbrough, Wyathorp, and other lands. From which Thomas, lineally descended another Sir John Hothum, who was found one of the cousins and coheirs to Thomas de Thweng, baron of Thweng, and Kilton-castle, a barony in fee, which lies dormant betwixt the present earl of Scarborough, and the present Sir Charles Hotham, Bart. (b)

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(a) Edward III. in the first year of his reign, granted the manors of Trogford, and Stony-Dunham, in com. Cest. to John, son of Peter de Hotham, cousin and heir to John, bishop of Ely, cart. 1. E. 3. m. 7. Le Neve's MSS. vol. II. p. 17. where are these entries. Gulielmus Hotham, archiep. Dublin. obiit 1298. See Sir James Ware's catalogue. — Jo. Hotham, had free warren in Hotham, & Burfly, com. Ebor. & Bondeby, in com. Linc. Cart. 9. E. 2. n. 14. (b) See the descent of the barony of Thweng, in Yorkshire, and how it came between Scorbrough and Hotham; in the proceedings, precedents, and arguments concerning baronies by writ, and other honours, fo. 395.

From this Sir John, in a direct descent from several knights, who had that honour conferr'd on them for their services in the wars, was, Sir John Hotham, of Scorbrough, Knt. who, by Lora, daughter of Ralph Constable, of Halsham, Esq; had issue, John, his son and heir, who married Elizabeth, daughter of — Me-
tham, of Yorkshire, Esq; (who was remarried to — Constable, Esq;) and had issue,

Sir Francis Hotham, of Scorbrough, Knt. who married Mary, daughter of Humphry Hercy, of Grove, in com. Nott. Esq; (and Elizabeth, his wife, daughter of Sir John Digby, of Kettilby, Knt. and — his wife, daughter of Sir John Griffin, Knt.) and sister and coheir to Sir John Hercy, Knt. her brother, by whom he had,

Sir John Hotham, Knt. who had three wives, 1. Julian, daughter of Sir Michael Stanhope, of Shelford, in com. Nott. Knt. by whom he had several children, who all died S. P. 2. Mary, daughter of Sir George Goring, of Burton, in Suffex, Knt. by whom he had no issue; 3. Jane, daughter of Richard Lydyard, (quere, Legard) of Rysome, in Holderness, Esq; by whom he had, Mary, married to Richard Remington, of Lund, in com. Ebor. Esq; Elizabeth, and Faith, who both died unmarried; also,

Sir John Hotham, Knt. his son and heir, created baronet, 19 Jac. I. who had five wives, 1. Catherine, daughter of Sir John Rodes, of Barlbrough, in com. Derb. Knt. by whom he had two sons, Sir John Hotham, Knt. hereafter mentioned, and Richard, (who had a son that died S. P.) also two daughters, Margaret, that died an infant, and Frances, married, first, to John Gee, of Beverly, Esq; and secondly, to Sir Philip Stapleton, of Wartre, in com. Ebor. Knt. his second wife was, Anne, daughter of Ralph Rokesby, of York, Esq; secretary to the council at York, by whom he had, Charles Hotham, rector of Wigan, in Lancashire, (who married Elizabeth, daughter of Stephen Thompson, of Humbleton, in com. Ebor. Esq; and had a daughter, Mary, married to Michael Burton, of Holmesfield, in Dronfield-parish, in com. Derb. Esq; and one son, Sir Charles, hereafter mentioned:) William, and Durant Hotham, of Lockington, in com. Ebor. Esq; who married Frances, daughter of Richard Remington, of Lund, Esq; by whom he had a numerous issue, tho' most of them died young. Sir John's third lady was, Frances, daughter of John Legard, of Ganton, in com. Ebor. Esq; by whom he had several children that died young. His fourth lady was, Catherine, daughter of Sir William Bamborough, of Housam, in com. Ebor. Knt. by whom he had, Francis, and Jane, that died young. Sir John's fifth lady was, Sarah, daughter of Thomas Anlaby, of Etton, in com. Ebor. Esq; by whom he had, Dorothy, and Alathe,

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thea, that died young, Catherine, married to Sir William Cholmley, of Whitby, in com. Ebor. Bart. and Sarah.

This Sir John Hotham, Bart. was governor of Hull, temp. Car. I. and in the year 1643, says Mr. Rushworth (*a*), ‘ Sir John, and his son, were discovered to hold correspondence with the royal party. Upon what ground of discontent, or proffered hopes, they entertained thoughts of deserting the parliament, in whose service they had so far engaged, is hard to determine. Some differences there had happened between Sir John, and the lord Fairfax, to whom Sir John, was unwilling to submit, tho’ he were the parliament’s general in those parts: and some said, that the parliament hearing of this contest, intended to displace Hotham, which he having discovered by intercepted letters, began to have new designs. I have been informed by a gentleman that was Sir John Hotham’s secretary at that time, of another ground of dissatisfaction between them, viz. that about three weeks before the fight at Edge-hill, Sir John Hotham, sent a letter to the speaker of the house of commons, another to the earl of Northumberland, and a third, to the earl of Holland, the subject matter of all three, being earnest arguments to persuade them to use their endeavours, and improve their interest to induce the parliament to an accomodation with the king, before matters came to extremity; for if the sword were once drawn, it would be with us as it was with the Romans, in the time of Cæsar and Pompey, when ’twas said, whoever had the better, the Roman liberty was sure to have the worst; and that these letters begot an ill opinion of Sir John, amongst some powerful members; and that there having been a treaty, and some letters passed between the earl of Newcastle, and Sir John: the earl, sent to Ferdinando, lord Fairfax, to let him know, that if he would send to him a person he could confide in, he would advertise him of some things worth his notice; upon which, colonel John Allured, was sent, to whom copies were given of some letters written by Sir John, which were communicated to those that bore him ill-will in the house of commons; upon which, jealousies were much increased against him. This is the account given by Sir John Hotham’s secretary, who is yet living. But whatever might be the inducements, so it was, that about the middle of June, Sir John Meldrum, seized captain John Hotham, (Sir John’s son,) in his bed, and sent him prisoner to Nottingham-castle, from whence he found means to escape, and went to Lincoln; and sent a letter thence, dated June the 24th, to the parliament, complaining of his imprisonment; and that he was ready to answer what should be objected against him. But soon after
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(*a*) Rushworth’s collections, fo, vol. V. p. 275, 276.

‘ went to his father, to Hull, which giving the parliament fresh
 ‘ occasion of jealousy, order was given to Sir Matthew Boynton,
 ‘ to have an eye upon them, and to endeavour to preserve the
 ‘ town, if he perceived it in danger, and Sir Matthew, being Sir
 ‘ John Hotham’s brother-in-law, was the less mistrusted by
 ‘ him.

‘ On Wednesday, the 28th of June, a letter was sent from
 ‘ captain Moyer, (commander of the Hercules, a man of war that
 ‘ lay in the road) to one Mr. Robert Ripley, in Hull, praying
 ‘ him to acquaint the mayor, that there was a dangerous plot on
 ‘ foot against that town, from the treachery of Sir John Ho-
 ‘ tham, the governor, which would, that night or the next, be
 ‘ put in execution, if not prevented. Ripley, presently ac-
 ‘ quainted the mayor, who communicated it, about ten o’ clock
 ‘ at night, to some aldermen, and to Sir Matthew Boynton, and
 ‘ other gentlemen, but the latter would not be seen to act, and
 ‘ therefore left it wholly to the townsmen, only gave them their
 ‘ advice and approbation, and did order that private notice should
 ‘ be given to such as were most zealous for the parliament, so that
 ‘ by three or four o’ clock in the morning, there were about 1500
 ‘ men in readiness, expecting the word of command from the
 ‘ mayor; and then, every man armed, with his musket charged,
 ‘ and match lighted, came forth, and drew up in several bodies,
 ‘ seized first upon the commanders, and the main guard, next,
 ‘ upon all that had any relation to the governor, and particularly,
 ‘ on captain Hotham, then on the magazine, and all the ord-
 ‘ nance on the walls, and the guards at the gates, and the three
 ‘ block-houses, and the castle, so that the whole town, and all
 ‘ that belonged to it, was in less than about an hour’s time, se-
 ‘ cured, without one drop of blood, or so much as a musket dis-
 ‘ charged. Sir John, having then notice of what was done, got
 ‘ out of his house, and meeting a man riding into the town,
 ‘ made him alight, and mounted his horse, and so passed thro’
 ‘ Beverly-gate, the guard having yet no order to stop him. But
 ‘ his pursuers immediately coming thither, and seeing him gone,
 ‘ one from the walls shot a musket, and a gunner discharg’d a
 ‘ piece of ordnance at him. Fearing a pursuit, he quitted Be-
 ‘ verley-road, and turned down to a ferry, intending to have
 ‘ got over into Holdernefs, but there missing of a boat, was
 ‘ forced to ride on to Beverly, whither Sir Matthew Boynton’s
 ‘ man, was now got before him, with a letter to his son, colonel
 ‘ Boynton, acquainting him with the plot, and order to appre-
 ‘ hend Sir John Hotham, if he came there, and also Sir Edward
 ‘ Rodes, who had a company there, and was suspected of a de-
 ‘ sign to yield up that town too, but nothing proved against him.
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Boynton, took his horse by the bridle, and told him, he was his prisoner : and presently, Sir Edward Rodes, was seized, and both sent to Hull, and put on board the ship, Hercules, which soon after conveyed them, and captain John Hotham, to London, where they arrived, July 15, and were committed to the Tower.

Sir John Hotham, was brought before the court-martial, at Guildhall (a), Nov. 30, 1644, Sir William Waller, being president ; the substance of the charge against him was, That he had traiterously betrayed his trust reposed in him by the parliament, and adhered to the enemy, which would be proved by his words, his letters, and his actions, viz. his correspondence with the lord Digby, and the marquess of Newcastle ; his refusal to supply the lord Fairfax, with powder, arms, and ammunition, to the great disservice of the parliament, and the prejudice of their affairs in Yorkshire, his uttering divers slanderous words against the parliament and close committee, his endeavouring to betray the town of Hull, to the enemy ; his holding a correspondence with the queen, by several messengers ; his causing a demi-culverin to be placed on the top of the castle, against the town, and two pieces in the block-house, to give fire on the parliament ships ; his sending away captain Moyer, captain of the great ship call'd the Hercules ; his quitting the garrison at Beverly, which was a great means to straighten Hull, and lastly, his endeavours to escape, as soon as he conceived his design discovered ; for proof of all which, about thirty witnesses were produced and examined.

Sir John, produced divers witnesses on his behalf, whose testimonies chiefly tended to invalidate the credit, and take off the evidence, which had been deposed against him. And the next day, having desired that his sons, Mr. Charles, and Mr. William Hotham, might be heard, the court (altho' not usual) granted it ; they spake largely for the most part to the same purpose, and on the Wednesday, Sir John, concluded his whole defence ; but his allegations not being satisfactory to the court, they, on Saturday, December 7th, proceeded to sentence, which was, that he should suffer death, by having his head cut off, which was appointed to be done on Monday, 16th of December ; but on his lady's petition for time to settle his estate, deferred.

His son, captain John Hotham, came to his trial before the same court, where he was charged, — That he being a commander in the service of the parliament, had betrayed the trust in him reposed, and perfidiously adhered to the enemy, and endeavoured

(a) Rushworth, vol. V. p. 744, 745, 748, 749, 750.

‘ deavoured to betray a regiment of horſe, and other forces, into
‘ their hands.

‘ He produced a great number of witneſſes to take off the credit of the evidence againſt him, (who were heard, indeed, but had no more regard paid to them, than his father had to his;) and the advocate having reply’d, on Tueſday, the 24th of December, he likewiſe received ſentence to be beheaded.

‘ On Saturday, December 28th, a meſſage was ſent from the lords to the commons, with a petition from Sir John Hotham, praying a pardon (as to life) for himſelf and his ſon; and that the lords, upon the ſaid petition, were willing to grant to Sir John Hotham, his own life, and deſired the concurrence of the houſe of commons therein; which occaſion’d a long debate, and was reſum’d again on Monday, and then carried in the negative.

‘ So that Tueſday, the laſt of December, being the day formerly appointed for Sir John’s execution, great multitudes of ſpectators were aſſembled, and the ſcaffold, his coffin, the executioner, and all things were in a readineſs; but about eleven of the clock in the forenoon, as he was coming from the Tower towards the hill, attended by the lieutenant, and the provost-martial, and the guard, and divers gentlemen and miniſters, a meſſenger came riding with a reprieve from the houſe of peers, directed to the lieutenant of the Tower and provost-martial, requiring them to defer the execution until Saturday following, upon which he was carried back to the Tower.

‘ The houſe of commons having notice that the execution was deferred, they not aſſenting, nor being privy to any reprieve, ſent an order to know the cauſe, why execution was not done upon Sir John Hotham; who, the next day, January 1, 1643, acquainting them with the ſaid reprieve from the houſe of peers, the commons, after ſome debate, paſſed an order, that no officer or miniſters of juſtice, ſhall hereafter ſtay the execution of juſtice, upon any particular order or reprieve, from either houſe of parliament, without the concurrence of both houſes. And this order to be ſent to the commiſſioners for martial law, to the lieutenant of the Tower, and the provost-martial. And further ordered, that the lieutenant of the Tower do proceed to the execution of Sir John Hotham, according to the ſentence of the court-martial.

‘ Hereupon, finding no hopes of the father’s pardon, the following petitions were immediately preferred on behalf of the ſon, both written with his own hand, who was on this very day appointed to ſuffer.

To the right honourable the house of peers in parliament.

The humble petition of captain John Hotham.

Humbly sheweth,

‘ **T**hat he acknowledgeth that he hath justly merited your
 ‘ heavy displeasure, and deserveth the greatest punishment
 ‘ that can be inflicted upon him, for that he hath requited your
 ‘ abundant favours with ingratitude, arrogance and folly: he
 ‘ well knows that he deserves not any mercy; neither should he
 ‘ have moved you in it, if your honours clemency, his desolate
 ‘ family, the tears and lamentations of a poor wife and helpless
 ‘ children, did not move him to sue for mercy. He hath for-
 ‘ born to trouble you, or interest your good intentions, whilst
 ‘ there was hope of mercy to his distressed father; but hearing,
 ‘ to his great grief, that sentence is unrevoked, he is bold to
 ‘ present his miserable condition to their merciful consideration.

‘ And humbly prays, that whereas a sentence of death is
 ‘ passed upon him by the council of war, that you would
 ‘ mitigate his punishment, and change it into a fine, or
 ‘ banishment, or both, and your petitioner,

‘ will daily and duly pray, &c.

JOHN HOTHAM.

To the honourable the house of commons, in parliament assembled.

The humble petition of captain John Hotham.

Humbly sheweth,

‘ **T**hat he acknowledged, his faults and his follies committed
 ‘ against you, are so many, that all the punishment that you
 ‘ can inflict, will be according to justice, your great and abun-
 ‘ dant favours he hath requited with arrogancy and negligence,
 ‘ so that if his knowledge of your great mercy to offenders, did
 ‘ not encourage him, the consciousness of his own unworthiness
 ‘ would have kept him from hoping for favour: but the cries and
 ‘ tears of a poor wife, helpless children, desolated family, hath
 ‘ moved him, a poor condemned commoner, to fly for mercy to
 ‘ the commons of England, and he hath forborn thus long to
 ‘ petition you, because there was hopes your mercy would have
 ‘ been extended to his poor distressed father, and he would not
 ‘ give interruption to his petition, although it had cost him his
 ‘ own life, but since, to his great grief, he hears the sentence is
 ‘ unrevoked,

‘ He humbly prays, that your great clemency and mercy
 ‘ will look upon him in the next place, and mitigate his
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‘ heavy sentence of death, into banishment and fine, or
 ‘ what other punishment you please; and your petitioner,
 ‘ his wife, and poor children, will daily pray for prosperity
 ‘ to your affairs, and will remain,

‘ Your humble petitioner,

JOHN HOTHAM.

‘ These petitions not availing, he was the same day, toward
 ‘ noon, brought to the scaffold on Tower-hill, where, Mr. Cole-
 ‘ man, minister of the Tower, made a prayer, captain Hotham
 ‘ joining with him, and after that, the captain made a prayer
 ‘ himself, and then rising up, and turning to the people, he
 ‘ spake as followeth :

‘ Gentlemen,

‘ **Y**OU see in what a condition I stand, you all come here to
 ‘ look upon me as a spectacle of shame and justice; and I
 ‘ believe, many of you are possessed with apprehension of great
 ‘ crimes and treasons that I have committed against the parlia-
 ‘ ment: those things, I must declare to you all, this conscience
 ‘ knows no guilt of; what I have advantaged the parliament’s
 ‘ cause, is notorious, and that I did never disadvantage it, I think
 ‘ is proved also; I have been very violent in the parliament, and
 ‘ did many things according to the swinge of the times; I did
 ‘ engage my self in their cause, I did them service in possessing
 ‘ of Hull, I preserved the forts, magazine, towns, and forces,
 ‘ and never miscarried in any attempt. It hath pleased God to
 ‘ bring me to this end for my sins against him, which I acknow-
 ‘ ledge to be just; but not for any treason against the parliament,
 ‘ neither do I know any treason, or intention of treason in my
 ‘ poor father, who lies in the same condition that I do, what-
 ‘ ever other men do call treason: this I testify to all here.—And
 ‘ having spoken some other words to the same purpose, Mr. Cole-
 ‘ man, prayed again, and the prisoner prepared himself for the
 ‘ block, whereon having laid his head, the executioner, at one
 ‘ blow, sever’d it from his body, which his brother, Mr. Durant
 ‘ Hotham, standing by, took up, wrapt in a scarf, and laid it
 ‘ together with his body, in the coffin.

‘ The next day, his father, Sir John Hotham, was conducted
 ‘ to the same place, where, Mr. Peters, attending him, first told
 ‘ the people, that it was the desire of Sir John Hotham, that
 ‘ since he had in his chamber fully discovered his mind to him,
 ‘ and other ministers, many questions might not be put to him,
 ‘ but that he might have liberty to speak only what he thought

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fit concerning himself.—Then, Sir John, coming up to the rail, put off his hat, and spake as followeth :

‘ Gentlemen,

‘ I know no more of my self, but this, that I deserve this death from Almighty God, nay, that I deserve damnation, and the severest punishments from him. But, as for the business of Hull, the betraying of it from the parliament, the ministers have all been with me, and give me good counsel ; neither was I any ways guilty of it ; that is all I can say to that act ; for other offences, rash words, anger, and such things, no man hath been more guilty, I beseech God to forgive me ; I have received as many favours as any man from God, and I have been as ungrateful as any man could be ; but God Almighty, (I hope) has forgiven me my sins, and I desire you all to pray God for me, that I may be forgiven.

‘ I hope, God Almighty will forgive me, the parliament, and the court-martial, and all men that have had any thing to do with my death. And, gentlemen, I thank this worthy gentleman (a), for putting me in mind of it, and I pray God, bring more things into my memory : and, gentlemen, look to it all, as I ; I have received many mercies from God, and have been unfruitful, ungrateful to him under them, and God Almighty hath let me see, that though for this offence whereof I am accused, he hath not done it ; yet he hath brought this affliction upon me, to save my soul, by and through the merits of Jesus Christ, for alas, this affliction is nothing to all my sins ; God Almighty kept me from my trial at St. Albans, and other places, to bring me to this place, that I hope I shall glorify God in, and his blessed name be for ever glorified.

‘ Then, Mr. Peters, spake again, and told the audience, that he had something further to commend unto them from Sir John Hotham, which was, that he had lived in abundance of plenty, his estate large, about 2000l. a year at first, and that he had gained much to it : that in the beginning of his days, he was a soldier in the Low-countries, and was at the battle of Prague : that at his first going out for a soldier, his father spake to him to this effect ; *Son, when the crown of England lies at stake, you will have fighting enough.* That he had run thro’ great hazards and undertakings, and now coming to this end, desired that they would take notice in him, of the vanity of all things here below, as wit, parts, prowess, strength, friends, honour, or what else.

‘ Then, Mr. Peters, having prayed, and after him, Sir John, they sung the 38th Psalm, and Sir John, kneeling behind the block,

(a) He was hereunto moved by Mr. Peters,

‘ block, spent above a quarter of an hour in private prayer; after which, lying down, the executioner, at one blow, did his office.’

My lord Clarendon says (a), ‘ Sir John, was of a fearful nature, and perplexed understanding, and could better resolve upon deliveration, than on a sudden; and many were of opinion, that if he had been prepared dextrously before hand, and in confidence, he would have conformed to the king’s pleasure; for he was master of a noble fortune in land, and rich in money; of a very ancient family, and well allied; his affections to the government very good; and no man less desired to see the nation involved in a civil war, than he: and, when he accepted this employment from the parliament, he never imagined it would engage him in rebellion; but believed, that the king would find it necessary to comply with the advice of his two houses; and that the preserving that magazine from being possessed by him, would likewise prevent any possible rupture into arms. He was now in great confusion; and calling some of the chief magistrates, and other officers together to consult, they persuaded him, not to suffer the king to enter into the town. And his majesty coming, within an hour after his messenger, found the gates shut, and the bridges drawn, and the walls mann’d; all things being in a readiness for the reception of an enemy. Sir John Hotham, himself, from the walls, with several professions of duty, and many expressions of fear, telling his majesty, *That he durst not open the gates, being intrusted by the parliament;*’ the king told him, *that he believed he had no order from the parliament to shut the gates against him, or to keep him out of the town.* He replied, *That his train was so great, that if it were admitted, he should not be able to give a good account of the town.* Whereupon the king offer’d, *to enter with twenty horse only, and that the rest should stay without.* The which the other refusing, the king desired him, *to come to him, that he might confer with him, upon his princely word of safety, and liberty to return.* And when he excus’d himself likewise from that, his majesty told him, *That as this act of his was unparallel’d, so it would produce some notable effect; that it was not possible for him to sit down by such an indignity, but that he would immediately proclaim him traitor, and proceed against him as such; that this disobedience of his, would probably bring many miseries upon the kingdom, and much loss of blood; all which might be prevented, if he performed the duty of a subject; and therefore advised him to think sadly of it, and to prevent the necessary growth of so many calamities, which must lie all upon his conscience.* The gentleman, with much distraction in his looks, talked confusedly of

(a) Vol. II. p. 507, 508, 509.

the trust he had from the parliament; then fell on his knees, and wished, *That God would bring confusion upon him, and his, if he were not a loyal and faithful subject to his majesty; but, in conclusion, plainly denied to suffer his majesty to come into the town.* Whereupon, the king caused him immediately to be proclaimed a traitor; which the other received with some expressions of undutifulness and contempt. And so the king, after the duke of York, and the prince elector, with their retinue, were come out of the town, where they were kept some hours, was forced to retire that night, to Beverly, four miles from that place; and the next day returned to York, full of trouble and indignation for the affront he had received; which he foresaw would produce a very great deal of mischief.

The king sent an express to the two houses, with a message, declaring what had passed; and, *That Sir John Hotham, had justify'd his treason and disloyalty, by pretence of an order and trust from them; which, as he could not produce, so, his majesty was confident, they would not own; but would be highly sensible of the scandal he had laid upon them, as well as of his disloyalty to his majesty. And therefore, he demanded justice of them, against him, according to law,*

Instead of any answer to his majesty upon this message, or sadly considering how this breach might be made up, they immediately publish'd (together with a declaration of their former jealousies of the papists; of the malignant party; of the lord Digby's letter intercepted; of the earl of Newcastle's being sent thither, upon which they had first sent down a governor, and put a garrison into Hull,) several votes and resolutions, by which they declared,

That Sir John Hotham, had done nothing but in obedience to the command of both houses of parliament, and that the declaring of him a traitor, being a member of the house of commons, was a high breach of the privilege of parliament, and being without due process of law, was against the liberty of the subject, and against the law of the land.

My lord Clarendon says further, (a), 'There was an act of divine justice about this time, executed by those at Westminster, which ought not to be forgotten in the relation of the affairs of this year; and which ought to have caused very useful reflections to be made by many, who were equally engag'd; some of whom, afterwards did undergo the same fate. There hath been often mention before, of Sir John Hotham, who shut the gates of Hull, against the king, and refused to give him entrance into that town, when he came thither, attended only by his

(a) Vol. IV, p. 620, 621, 622, 623.

' his own servants, before the beginning of the war ; and was,
 ' in truth, the immediate cause of the war. It was the more
 ' wonderful, that a person of a full and ample fortune, who was
 ' not disturbed by any fancies in religion, had unquestion'd duty
 ' to the crown, and reverence for the government both of church
 ' and state, should so foolishly expose himself, and his family, of
 ' great antiquity, to comply with the humours of those men,
 ' whose persons he did not much esteem, and whose designs he
 ' perfectly detested. But, as his particular animosity against the
 ' earl of Strafford, first engaged him in that company, so his va-
 ' nity and ambition, and the concessions the king had made to
 ' their unreasonable demands, made him concur farther with
 ' them, than his own judgment dispos'd him to. He had taken
 ' upon him the government of Hull, without any apprehension,
 ' or imagination, that it would ever make him necessary to re-
 ' bellion ; but believed, that when the king and parliament should
 ' be reconcil'd, the eminence of that charge would promote him
 ' to some of those rewards and honours, which that party resolv'd
 ' to divide among themselves. When he found himself more
 ' dangerously and desperately embarked than he ever intended to
 ' be, he bethought himself of all possible ways to disintangle him-
 ' self, and to wind himself out of the labyrinth he was in. His
 ' comportment towards the lord Digby, and Ashburnham, and
 ' his inclinations at that time, have been mentioned before at
 ' large ; and from that time, the entire confidence the parliament
 ' had in his son, and the vigilance and jealousy that he was known
 ' to have towards his father, was that alone that preserv'd him
 ' longer in the government. Besides that, they had so consti-
 ' tuted the garrison, that they knew it could never be in the fa-
 ' ther's power to do them hurt. But, after this, when they
 ' discovered some alteration in the son's behaviour, and that the
 ' pride and stubbornness of his nature, would not suffer him to sub-
 ' mit to the command of the lord Fairfax, and that superiority
 ' over both his father and him, with which the parliament had
 ' invested that lord, and had some inkling of secret messages be-
 ' tween the marquis of Newcastle, and young Hotham, they
 ' caused both father and son to be suddenly seized upon, and sent
 ' up prisoners to the parliament ; which immediately committed
 ' them to the Tower, upon a charge of high treason.

' Though there was evidence enough against them, yet they
 ' had so many friends in both houses of parliament, and some of
 ' that interest in the army, that they were preserv'd from farther
 ' prosecution, and remain'd long prisoners in the Tower, with-
 ' out being brought to any trial ; so that they believ'd their
 ' punishment to be at the highest. But when that party pre-
 ' vail'd that resolv'd to new model the army, and to make as
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many examples of their rigour and severity, as might terrify all men from falling from them, they call'd importunately, that the two Hothams, might be tried at the court of war, for their treachery and treason; and they who had hitherto preserv'd them, had now lost their interest; so that they were both brought to their trial, some little time before the treaty at Uxbridge, and both condemned to lose their heads. The principal charge against the father was, his suffering the lord Digby, to escape; and a letter was produced, by the treachery of a servant, against the son, which he had sent to the marquis of Newcastle. The vile artifices that were used both before and after their trial, were so barbarous, and inhuman, as have been rarely practis'd among christians.

The father was first condemned to suffer, upon a day appointed, and the son afterwards, to be executed in like manner, the day following: the night before, or the very morning, that Sir John Hotham was to die, a reprieve was sent from the house of peers, to suspend his execution for three days. The commons were highly incens'd at this presumption in the lords; and to prevent the like mischief for the future, they made an order, *To all mayors, sheriffs, bayliffs, and other ministers of justice, that no reprieve should be granted, or allowed for any person against whom the sentence of death was pronounced, except the same had passed, and had the consent of both houses of parliament; and that if it passed only by the house of peers, it should be looked upon as invalid and void, and execution should not be thereupon forborne or suspended.* By this accident, the son was brought to his execution before his father, upon the day on which he was sentenced to suffer; who died with courage, and reproaching the ingratitude of the parliament, and their continuance of the war, concluded, *that, as to them, he was very innocent, and had never been guilty of treason.* The father was brought to the scaffold the next day: for the house of commons, to shew their prerogative over the lords, sent an order to the lieutenant of the Tower, that he should cause him to be executed that very day, which was two days before the reprieve granted by the house of peers, was expired. Whether he had yet some promise from Peters, that he should only be shew'd to the people, and so return'd safe again to the tower, which was then generally reported, and believ'd, or whether he was broken with despair, (which is more probable) when he saw that his enemies prevail'd so far, that he could not be permitted to live those two days which the peers had granted him, certain it is that the poor man appear'd so dispirited, that he spoke but few words after he came upon the scaffold, and suffer'd his ungodly confessor, Peters, to tell the people, that he had reveal'd himself to

‘ him, and confess’d his offences against the parliament; and so
 ‘ he committed his head to the block. This was the woeful
 ‘ tragedy of these two unhappy gentlemen; in which there were
 ‘ so many circumstances of an unusual nature, that the immediate
 ‘ hand of Almighty God could not but appear in it, to all men
 ‘ who knew their natures, humours, and transactions.’

Sir John Hotham, Knt. the eldest son, (who was beheaded just before his father) married three wives; 1. Frances, daughter of Sir John Wray, of Glentworth, in com. Lincoln. Knt. and Bart. by whom he had one son, Sir John, successor to his grandfather; and two daughters, Elizabeth, married, first, to Peter le Gay, of London, merchant, and secondly, to — Hay, Esq; alderman of London, and Frances, married to John Daniel, Esq; son of Sir Ingleby Daniel, of Beswick, in com. Ebor. Knt. Sir John's second lady was, Margaret, daughter of Thomas, lord Fairfax, viscount Emylyn, by whom he had no issue; and his third, was, Isabel, daughter of Sir Henry Anderfon, of Long Cauton, in com. Ebor. Knt. by whom he had one son, Henry, who died young.

Sir John Hotham, Bart. who succeeded his grandfather in title and estate, married Elizabeth, daughter of Sapcoat, lord viscount Beaumont, of Swords, in the kingdom of Ireland, by whom he had two sons, Sir John, his successor, and Robert, who died S.P. and two daughters, Elizabeth, married to William Gee, of Bishops Burton, in com. Ebor. Esq; and Bridget; and dying in the year 1689, was succeeded by his eldest son,

Sir John Hotham, Bart. who departed this life without issue male, A. D. 1691, whereupon the title and estate devolved on Sir Charles Hotham, Bart. eldest son and heir of Charles Hotham, rector of Wigan, (by Elizabeth, his wife, daughter of Stephen Thompson, of Humbleton, in com. Ebor. Esq; beforementioned,) third son of Sir John Hotham, the first of this family that was created to the dignity of a baronet.

Which Sir Charles Hotham, of Scorbrough, Bart. was colonel of the king's own royal regiment of dragoons, at the time of his decease, the 8th of January, 1727, having serv'd as representative in parliament, for Beverley, in Yorkshire, most part of the reign of Queen Anne, and all King George I. till his death: he married two wives, first, Bridget, daughter of William Gee, of Bishops-Burton, in com. Ebor. Esq; by whom he had issue two sons, Sir Charles, his successor in title and estate, and Beaumont, now living; as also three daughters, Elizabeth, married to Sir Thomas Style, of Watringbury, in the county of Kent, Bart. Philippa, married to William Gee, of Bishops-Burton, in com. Ebor. Esq; and Charlotta, wedded to Warton Warton, of Beverly, in com. Ebor. Esq;

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His second wife was, the lady Mildred, youngest daughter of James Cecil, earl of Salisbury, and widow of Sir Uvedale Corbet, of Longnore, in the county of Salop, Bart. by whom he had one son named Richard, who died an infant.

Sir Charles Hotham, Bart. eldest son and successor, was elected on the death of his father, representative in parliament for Beverley, and serv'd for that corporation in the following parliaments, till his death: he was colonel of the first troop of guards, and groom of the bedchamber to his majesty, and married, in the year 1724, the lady Gertrude, eldest daughter of Philip Stanhope, earl of Chesterfield, and dying, Jan. 15, 1737, was succeeded in dignity and estate by his only son,

Sir Charles Hotham, the present baronet.

The ARMS of this family are, Barry of ten, Argent and Azure, on a Canton, Or, a Cornish Chough, proper.

CREST: A Demy Sea-Man, issuing out of water, proper, holding in his right hand a flaming sword, and in his left, a shield of the Hotham's Arms.

SEAT: At *Beverly*, in *Yorkshire*.

59. MANSEL, of Muddlescombe, Carmarthenshire.

(FRANCIS, ESQUIRE,)

Created BARONET, Jan. 14, 1621.

THIS ancient and honourable family is descended from Philip Mansel (a), who came into Edgland with William the conqueror, and was nephew to Sir Henry Harley, Knt. who, out of the large possessions he held in South-Wales, gave to the said Philip, the manor of Oxwick, or Oxmucho, in the county of Glamorgan, where he built a very fine mansion-house, which became the residence of his family, for many generations. This Philip, married —, daughter to — Mountsorrell, and had issue by her, Henry, Andrew, Robert, Michael, and Philip. From Henry, the eldest son, descended Sir John Mansel, Knt. who, in 26 Henry III. had the king's precept to pay Sir Peter Alard, Knt. such wages as he paid other knights in his majesty's service. In 37 Henry III. being at that time chancellor of London, and provost of Beverley, he was appointed, with others, to go to the king of Castile, to make a league between him and the

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(a) Collins's peerage of England, vol. IV. p. 394 & seq.

king of England. In 38 Henry III. he was sent, with others, on an embassy to the king of Scotland, with power to take into their protection such of the Scots, as are inclinable to adhere to them. And the next year was appointed to take possession of the kingdom of Apulia, which the pope had granted to him, and Edmund, his son. In 40 Hen. III. being at that time a knight, and in Wales, he sent advice to the king, of the rebellion of Lewellin, prince of Wales, and that on the approach of Sir John de Grey, and others, they dispers'd and fled to the mountains. In 40 Hen. III. he was sent into the marches of Scotland, to take care of the king's affairs; and the next year was sent, with others, by Edmund, king of Sicily, on an embassy to the pope, to procure better terms, in the relation to the grant of that kingdom, with power, if they thought fit, to give up the same kingdom: and was also one of the twelve who were appointed to reform the state of the kingdom. In 42 Henry III. being at the same time treasurer of York, he was appointed, with others, to treat of a peace in Scotland. In 46 Henry III. there being some apprehension of his stirring up strife between the king and his peers, the king wrote to the pope and cardinals, that he was innocent. He was lord-chancellor to that king, and is said, by the pedigrees of this family, to have issue, by Joan, his wife, daughter of Simon Beauchamp, baron of Bedford, Sir Thomas Mansel, knight banneret, who was, (as Hollinshed writes) taken prisoner in the barons wars, in 48 Henry III. at Northampton. This Sir Thomas, had issue, Henry Mansel, who, in the reign of King Edward I. settled in Glamorganshire, and was father of Sir Walter Mansel, Knt. who held of King Edward I. the manor of Missenden, in com. Bucks, in capite. He was buried in St. Botolph's church, in London, and was succeeded by Sir Robert Mansel, Knt. his son and heir, father of Robert Mansel, Esq; who had issue, Richard, his son and heir.

Which Richard Mansel, Esq; marrying Lucy, daughter and sole heir to Philip Scurlage, lord of Scurlage-castle, in the county of Glamorgan, left issue, Sir Hugh Mansel, Knt. whose wife was, Elizabeth, daughter and heir to Sir John Penrys, Knt. lord of Oxwick, and other large territories in Glamorganshire, which accrued to him by the said marriage, and by her he was father to Richard Mansel, of Oxwick, who, by Elizabeth, his wife, daughter to Hamon Turbervile, of Peline, in com. Glamorg. had issue, John Mansel, of Oxwick, and he, by Maud, daughter to William ap Llewellyn, ap Howel ap Poelin, Esq; was father of Philip Mansel, Esq; who was slain in the wars between the houses of York and Lancaster, and attainted. He married Mary, daughter to Griffith ap Nicholas, of Newton, in the county of Carmarthen, Esq; by whom he had. Jenkin Mansel, his son and heir.

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Which Jenkin, procur'd a repeal of his father's attainder, and a restoration in blood and estate. He married Edith, daughter and coheir to Sir George Kyme, (or Keene) of the county of Kent, Knt. and had issue three sons; Rice, who succeeded him; Hugh, who took to wife, Jane, daughter and coheir to Richard Owgan, of Kent, (and left issue, Robert Mansel, Esq; groom of the bedchamber to King Henry VIII.) and Philip, who married Anne, daughter of William Dabridgecourt; also four daughters, Alice, married to John Drew, of Bristol; Anne, to David ap Rees Wynn, of St. Cothens; Jane, to John Wynn ap Jenkin ap Richard; and Elizabeth, to Christopher Flemyng.

Rice, the eldest son, received the honour of knighthood, before the twenty-seventh of Henry VIII. in which year he was sent with a supply of Soldiers into Ireland, to assist the lord-deputy in suppressing a rebellion rais'd in that kingdom, by the earl of Kildare. In 28 Henry VIII. he had a grant for life of the office of chamberlain of the county palatine of Chester; and in 32 Henry VIII. a grant of the scite of the monastery of Margam, in com. Glamorgan, and the royalty of Avon Water, to him and his heirs. His last will and testament bears date on the 10th of December, 7 Eliz. 1588, and the probate thereof, the 10th of May, 1589. He bequeaths to Mary Foskew, late the wife of his son, Philip Mansel, Esq; deceas'd, his manor of Penrys, in com. Glamorgan, for her life, and after, to his son, Edward Mansel, and his assigns. To his son, Anthony, all his lands in the lordship of Falway, in Glamorganshire, with other lands in Gloucestershire. To his daughter, Mary, 600 marks, for her marriage-portion. To the lady Jane Mansel, wife of his son, Edward, an upper abiliment of goldsmith's work, a gown of purple cloth of silver, a gown of green velvet, and a gown of black velvet. To his daughter, Catherine Bassett, a gown of black damask, and an ale-cup, with a cover of silver, gilt. To his daughter, Elizabeth Morgan, a gown of damask, with a like cup. To his daughter, Mary, a crimson velvet gown, the second black velvet gown, and a fatten gown, that were his wife's, a bed of purple damask, with curtains pain'd with yellow damask and crimson, and a diamond pointed, which Queen Mary, gave to his wife, as also, his wife's wedding and other jewels. To his son, Anthony, a bed of tawney velvet, and a bed of russet, and yellow fatten; also a cup, with a cover of silver, gilt, and his wife's signet ring. He desires his son, Edward, to give his children a learned education, whom he constitutes sole executor.

It further appears by his will, that he was an inhabitant of Clerkenwell parish, in London; and that he was bountiful to his servants, charitable to the poor, as the several sums he left to poor householders of many parishes, shew.

This Sir Rice Mansel, Knt. married three wives ; by his first, Elianor, daughter and sole heir to James Bassiet, of Beaupre, in com. Glamorg. Esq; he had no issue that surviv'd to maturity. By his second, Anne, daughter of Sir Giles Bruges, of Coberley, in com. Glouc. Knt. ancestor to the present duke of Chandos, he had three sons, who all died in his life-time, and three daughters, whereof only two surviv'd, viz. Catherine, married to William Bassiet, of Beaupre, Esq; and Elizabeth, married to William Morgan, of Llanternam, in com. Monmouth, Esq; but by his third wife, Cicely, daughter to William Dabridgcourt, Esq; he had, Edward, who succeeded him in his estate; Anthony, married to Elizabeth, daughter of John Bassiet, of Lanthrithed, Esq; and Mary, wife of Sir Thomas Southwell, of Uprising, in Norfolk, Knt.

In a chapel, on the south side of Margam church, in the county of Glamorgan, in South-Wales, is a handsome monument of white marble, erected to his memory, with the effigies of him and his lady, lying at full length, on the sides, their children, and over their heads, their matches. At the head are three children in full proportion, Sir Edward, Mary, and Anthony; and at the foot of the monument is this inscription :

Here lyeth the Portraitures of Sir Rice Mansel, Knt. and Dame Cicill, his Wife, being descended of the noble Family of Dabridgcourt, of Hampshire, both are buried in Little St. Bartholmew's, near Smithfield, London.

This Monument is here made for his Remembrance, because he was the first Purchaser of this Seat, and had issue, Sir Edward Mansel, of Margam, Knight, Anthony Mansel, of Lanthrithed, Esq; and Mary Mansel, married to Thomas Southwell, of Uprising, in Norfolk.

The said Sir Rice, was twice formerly married, first, to Elinor Bassiet, the Heir of Beaupee, and by her had issue, but all died young. Secondly, he married a Sister of Sir John Bridges, afterwards Lord Chandos, and had issue by her, three Sons and three Daughters, whereof only two Daughters surviv'd him; Catherine, married to William Bassiet, of Beaupre, Esq; at whose marriage, Sir Rice Mansel, assured back again Beaupre.

Elizabeth, married William Morgan, of Lanternam, in the County of Monmouth, Esq;

Edward, his eldest surviving son and heir, received the honour of knighthood, in the year 1572, was chamberlain of Chester, and a man of great honour, integrity, and courage, distinguishing himself in many services during the reign of Queen Elizabeth.

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He lies buried in the chapel, on the south side of Margam church, where a fair monument of white marble is erected to his memory, whereon is the effigies of him and his lady, (Jane Somerset, youngest daughter to Henry, earl of Worcester,) lying at full length, and at the head, the figures of four sons in armour, kneeling, representing Sir Thomas Mansel, Knt. and Bart. Sir Francis Mansel, Bart. Sir Robert Mansel, Knt. and Philip Mansel, Esq; also on the south side, are two daughters, kneeling, and on the north, two more in the same posture, and at the foot of the monument, the following inscription:

Heere lyeth Syr Edward Mansel, Knight, and Dame Jane, his Lady, who was the Daughter to Henry, Earl of Worcester, he died the 5th of August, 1595, about the ———
Yeere of his age: She died the xvi October, 1597, about the
Age of lxvii Yeeres, having borne xv Sons and iiii Daughters,
Whereof x of the younger Sons died without issue male.

Sir Thomas Mansel, Knight and Baronet, Sir Francis Mansel, Baronet, now living, have many issues male and Female, and Sir Robert Mansel, Knt. liveth, Philip Mansel Died, and left Thomas Mansel, his Son.

Elizabeth, eldest Daughter of the said Sir Edward, Was married to Sir Walter Rice, of Newton, in the County of Caermarthen, Knight, and had issue Henry Rice, Esq; &c.

Cicill, married Rowland Williams, of Llangiby, in the County of Monmouth, Esq; and had issue, Sir Charles Williams, Knight, &c.

Mary, married Christopher Turberville, of Pennlyne, Esquire, and hath issue, Anthony Turberville, &c.

Anne, married Edward Carne, of Nashe, Esquire, and Hath issue, William Carne, &c. both of the County Of Glamorgan.

Of these sons, Sir Thomas, was the ancestor to the present lord Mansel, of Margam, (for whose descent, see the Peerage of England, in octavo, vol. IV.) Sir Francis, (ancestor to the present Sir Richard Mansel, Bart. of Ischoed, in Carmarthenshire, and to Sir Edward Mansel, of Trimsaran, Barts.) and Sir Robert Mansel, was knighted by the earl of Essex, for his valour, in the taking of the town of Cales, anno 1596; and after having signaliz'd himself in several encounters, was made vice-admiral of the fleet, by King James I. in which station he was continued by King Charles, and lived to a very old age, much esteem'd for his great integrity, personal courage, and experience in maritime affairs.

Francis Mansel, Esq; second son of Sir Edward, beforementioned, being advanced to the dignity of a baronet, 19 Jac. I. married

married two wives, first, Catherine, daughter and heir of Henry Morgan, of Muddlescombe, in com. Carmarthen, Esq; by whom he had four sons; 1. Walter, who left no issue; 2. Sir Anthony Mansel, Knt. slain at Newby, in com. Ebor. temp. Car. I. who, by Jane, daughter of William Price, of Britton-ferry, Esq; left issue, Sir Edward, successor to his grandfather; 3. Francis, S. T. P. elected principal of Jesus college, Oxon. and in 1648, deprived, and his temporal estate put under sequestration, and suffer'd greatly for his loyalty: in the year 1659, he was thought of for a bishoprick, as appears by this passage, in Dr. Barwick's letter to the lord-chancellor, 'There is another, whom I also much reverence, ' Dr. M. (a) whose years and modesty are so great, as it is ' thought by those that know him better than I, he will rather ' chuse a private life. And it were great pity to cast a load upon ' him against his will, now when he is come to that condition, ' as to need a coadjutor, if he were already in the office. His ' fight is almost quite gone, and his infirmities otherwise, so great, ' as he can hardly come up hither to receive consecration, which ' is but the preface to his work.' Aug. 1, 1660, he was restored to his college by the king's commissioners, and died May 1, 1665, almost eighty, having been a very great benefactor to his college (b), both in its buildings and revenues; and lies buried in Jesus college-chapel, with this inscription (c):

D. O. M.

Franciscus Mansell, S. T. P.
Dni Francisci Mansell, de Muddlescombe,
In Com. Carmarathi, Baronetti,
Et Catharinæ, Henrici Morgan,
De Muddlescombe, Filiæ & Hæredis,
Filius natu tertius.

Vir

Antiqui Sanguinis, sed magis antiquæ Virtutis,
Eruditione, Fide, Sanctitate, etiam Proscriptione
Clarus;

Præfectura quippe hujus Collegii.

Inter Confessores Anni 1641.

Depulsus.

Infulus Episcopales

Viro Meritissimo non semel oblatas; serio tremuit,
Obstinatus refugit.

Suffragiis Collegii bis postulatus est in Principalem,

Bis etiam loco cessit,

Primum Juvenis adhuc,

Ut

(a) Dr. Barwick's life, p. 439, where, in a reference to Dr. M. is this; Dr. Francis Mansel, principal of Jesus college, Oxford, his obstinate refusal of the episcopal dignity, more than once, is mentioned on his epitaph, in that college, where he was interr'd. Infulus episcopales — non semel oblatas, serio tremuit, obstinatus refugit. (b) Walkers sufferings of the clergy, p. 120. (c) Le Neve's monumenta Anglicana, vol. V, p. 60.

Ut Successori rem Collegii angustam large aucturo
Viam honestius sterneret.

Dein, ætate provectior, ut Deo totus vacaret ;

Collegium hocce

Alumnus, Præfectus, Benefactor,

Ornavit, fovit, munificentissime auxit,

Hæredem imo scripsit

Ex Asse.

Obiit

Fere Octogenarius Kal. Maii, 1665.

The fourth son of Sir Edward, was, Richard, who, by Catherine, daughter and heir of Rees Morgan, of Ischoed, in com. Carmarthen, Esq; left issue, Sir Richard, hereafter mentioned. Sir Francis's second lady was, Dorothy, daughter to Alban Stepney, of Prendergast, in com. Pembroke, Esq; by whom he had three sons ; 1. John, who married Mary, daughter of Sir Henry Vaughan, of Derwith, in com. Carmarthen, Knt. and was great grandfather to the present Sir Edward Mansel, of Trimsaran, in com. Carmarthen, Bart. 2. Edward, a captain ; 3. Rawleigh ; and two daughters, Catherine, married to Sir John Stepney, of Prendergast, in com. Pembroke, Bart. and Cicely, married to George Jones, of Abercothy, in com. Carmarthen, Esq;

Sir Edward Mansel, of Muddlescombe, Bart. eldest son of Sir Anthony, succeeded his grandfather in title and estate, but dying without issue male, the title and estate descended to his cousin, Sir Richard, eldest son of Richard Mansel, Esq; (youngest son of Sir Francis) by Catherine, daughter and heir of Rees Morgan, of Ischoed, Esq; beforementioned.

Which Sir Richard Mansel, of Ischoed, Bart. married a daughter and heir of Rees David, of Pentry-Estill, in com. Glamorgan, Esq; by whom he had three sons, Sir Richard, Sir William, and Edward, and three daughters.

Sir Richard Mansel, Bart. the eldest son, succeeded his father in the title, and the lordship of Ischoed, and Pentry-Estill, and died in London, unmarried, whereupon the dignity and estate devolved upon his next brother,

Sir William Mansel, Bart. who married Amy, eldest daughter of Sir Richard Cox, lord-chancellor of Ireland, by whom he had issue (a), two sons, Sir Richard, and William, and three daughters.

Sir Richard Mansel, the eldest son, who succeeded his father in dignity and estate, is the present baronet, and hath married (a) Rebecca, eldest daughter of William Ware, of Farranalough, in the county of Corke, in Ireland, Esq; by whom he has one son, William, born March 1, 1735.

ARMS:

(a) Ex infor. Dom. Ric. Mansel, Bar.

(b) Ibid.

ARMS: Argent, a Cheveron, between three Manches, Sable, with a Crescent for difference.

CREST: A Cap of Maintenance, enflamed on the top, proper.

MOTTO: *Quod vult, valde vult.*

ChiefSEATS: *Ischoed*, in *Carmarthenshire*, and *Woodstone*, in the county of *Corke*, in *Ireland*.

60. GARRARD, of Lamer, Hertfordshire.

(Sir JOHN, KNIGHT,)

Created BARONET, Feb. 16, 1621.

THIS family were originally named Attegare, and are descended from Alured Attegare, an ancient family seated at Sittingborne, in Kent.

Sir Simon Attegare, Knt. his son, was father of Stephen Attegare, alias Garrard (*a*), whose son, Garrard, (or Gerrard,) was father of — Garrard; William, his son, was also of Sittingborne, and father of John, of London, who gave for arms, Argent, on a Fess, Sable, a Lion passant, of the first, whose son, Sir William Garrard, (or Gerrard,) Knt. was of Dorney, in com. Bucks: he was lord-mayor of London (*b*), 1555, and married Isabel, daughter and coheir to Julius Nethermill, of Coventry, in com. Warw. Esq; by whom he had three sons; 1. Sir William, of whom hereafter; 2. George, who married Margaret, daughter of George D'acres, of Chesshunt, in Hertfordshire, Esq; by whom he had one son, George, who died S. P. and two daughters, that were his coheirs, viz. Anne, married to Sir Dudley Carleton, of Brightwell, in com. Berks, Knt. vice-chamberlain to King Charles I. ambassador, first, to Venice, then to Savoy, and afterwards to Holland; created lord Carleton, of Imbercourt, in Surry, and sent, with the order of the garter, to Henry, prince of Orange, and created viscount Dorchester, of Dorchester, in com. Oxon. made secretary of state, and of the privy-council, and died, Feb. 15, 1631. Frances, the other daughter, married

Sir

(*a*) Allured Attegare, of Buckland, in Kent, had issue, Sir Simon Attegare, of Buckland, in Sittingborne, Knt. who was father of Stephen Attegare, alias Garrard. In the church of Sittingborne, there is a fair monument of a knight of this race. N. B. The Garrards are yet in possession of fair lands in Sittingborne, which were the lands of Simon Attegare, abovementioned, so that it seemeth, this Stephen, was the first who left the name of Attegare, and assum'd the name of Garrard. Le Neve's MSS. of the barons, vol. II. p. 18.

(*b*) Stow's Survey, vol. II. b. 5. p. 132.

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Sir Richard Harrifon, of Hurft, in Berks, Knt. 3. Sir John Garrard, Knt. hereafter mentioned.

In St. Magnus's church, near London-bridge, is this infcription for Sir William, the father of thefe fons, on a fair monument (a):

Sir William Gerrard, Haberdasher, Mayor, 1555, a grave, sober, wife, and discreet Citizen, equal with the best, and inferior to none of our time, deceased 1571, in the Parish of St. Christopher, but was buried in this Church of St. Magnus, as in the Parish where he was born.

Sir William Garrard, of Dorney, Knt. the eldest son and heir, married Elizabeth, daughter to Sir Thomas Roe, Knt. lord-mayor of London, (and Mary, his wife, daughter of Sir John Gresham, of London, Knt.) by whom he had several children: he died, Nov. 17, 1607, and lies buried in Dorney-church, where a very fine monument is erected to his memory, with this inscription:

Hic situs est, Lector, Guilielmus Garrardus, Miles, (Filius Guilielmi Garrardi, Militis) Vir de quo Fama communis non mentitur, Fide, Innocentia, Pietate insignis singulari Beneficentia in Egenos, & qui sic obiit ut vivere docuerit.

Obiit 17 Nov. An. Dom. 1607. Ætat. suæ 70.

Cujus Offibus Uxor ejus Elizabetha Filia Thomæ Rowe, Militis, Concordia Mariti 39 Ann. Fortunata, Numerosa prole beata, hoc vero acerbo Officio mortuissima ne quos singularis Amor conjunxerat, Mors ipsa devideret hoc Monumentum pos. et sibi, ac suis destinavit.

Henry, John, William, George, Thomas, William,

Henry, died unmarried.

Mary, married Kedderminster.

Anne, married Hynde.

Elizabeth, unmarried.

Judith, married Gresham.

Jane, Katherine, unmarried.

Martha, married Palmer.

Katherine, unmarried.

Hoc Socer ipse suis Monumentum sumptibus ornat,
Et fieri genero rem, moderante jubet.

Johannes Kedderminster, in medio.

Auxit at hoc genero Conjux Soceriq; sed illa,
Fletibus, hæc autem sumptibus & lacrymis.

Sir

(a) Stow's Survey, vol. I, b. 2, p. 175.

Sir William, leaving no issue male, was succeeded by his brother, Sir John Garrard, (or Gerrard) Knt. who was sheriff of London, 1592, and lord-mayor thereof (*a*), 1601, he married Jane, daughter of Mr. Richard Partridge, of London, and died May 7, 1625, leaving two sons and six daughters, and was buried in St. Magnus church, with his father, where, on a fair monument, in the south isle of the chancel, is this inscription for him and his lady (*b*):

Here lieth interred the Bodies of Sir John Gerrard, Knt. and Dame Jane, his Wife, who was Daughter to Richard Partridge, Citizen and Haberdasher of London, by whom he had 13 Children; five whereof died young. They lived comfortably together, 43 Years.

He was Lord-Mayor of London, in the Year 1601. She departed this Life, the 24 Jan. 1616; and he left this World, the 7 of May, 1625, being 79 Years old; leaving only 2 Sons, and six Daughters behind him.

This Monument was erected at the Charges of Benedict Gerrard, Gent. his youngest Son, 1629.

Sir John Garrard, Knt. his eldest son and heir, was advanced to the dignity of a baronet, 19 Jac. I. he married twice, first, Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Sir Edward Barkham, Knt. lord-mayor of London, 1621, by whom he had six sons, and eight daughters; she died, April 17, 1632, and lies buried in the north isle of the church of Whethampstead, in the county of Hertford: upon a handsome marble monument (whereon is placed two marble figures, at full length, of Sir John Garrard, and dame Elizabeth, his wife,) is the following inscription:

Here lyeth the Body of the virtuous Lady, Dame Elizabeth Garrard, late Wife of Sir John Garrard, Knt. and Bart. one of the Deputy-Lieutenants of this County, Son of Sir John Garrard, and Grandchild of Sir William Garrard, Knts. both of them sometime Lord-Mayors of the City of London, whose Ancestors lie buried in the Parish-church of Sittingborne, in Kent, but themselves in the Parish-church of St. Magnes, in London: She was the eldest Daughter of Sir Edward Barkham, Knt. sometime Lord-Mayor of the City of London, married, in the Year of our Lord, 1611; called by God out of this Life, the 17th day of April, in the Year of our Lord, 1632, being then in the 39 Year of her Age, Mother of 14 Children, 6 Sons, and 8 Daughters, (whereof two, a Son and a Daughter, went before

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(*a*) Stow's Survey, vol. II, b. 5. p. 139.

(*b*) Ibid, vol. I, b. 2. p. 175.

her to Heaven, the rest she left behind her upon Earth, first commending them, by devout Prayers, unto God, and then delivering them over, with hearty Desires, to her beloved Husband, to be further instructed in the fear of God;) towards God a most faithful Child, towards her Husband a loyal Spouse, towards her Children a most loving Mother, towards the Poor a most charitable Neighbour. In Health, praising God, in Sickness, bearing patiently; she lived most godly, and died most comfortably, bequeathing her Body unto Earth, in assured Hope of a blessed Resurrection, and her Soul unto God, in confidence of her Salvation.

Sir John, married to his second lady, Elizabeth, relict of Sir Moulton Lambard, of Sevenoake, in Kent, Knt. by whom he had no issue.

Sir John Garrard, Bart. eldest son and successor to his father, married Jane, daughter of Sir Moulton Lambard, Knt. and died 1685, leaving Sir John, his successor, Sir Samuel, and four daughters, Elizabeth, married, first, to Sir Nicholas Gould, Knt. and secondly, to Thomas Neale, Esq; groom-porter; Jane, to Sir Thomas Spencer, of Yarrington, in com. Oxon. Bart. the third, to — Farrington, Esq; serjeant at law, and the youngest daughter, married Richard Emerton, of Mackrey-end, in com. Hertford, Esq;

Sir John Garrard, Bart. successor to his father, married Catherine, daughter and coheir of Sir James Anyon, of Flower, in com. Northton, Knt. relict of Sir George Buswell, of Clipston, in com. Northton, Bart. and died, January 13, 1700, leaving one daughter, Jane, his sole heir, married to Montague Drake, of Shardelows, in com. Bucks, Esq; father of the late Montague-Garrard Drake, Esq; This Sir John, lies buried in the north isle of Whethampstead-church, where, on a marble monument, is this inscription:

To the Memory of

Sir John Garrard, Bart. eldest Son of Sir John Garrard, Bart. of Lamer, in the County of Hertford; Who married Dame Catherine, Relict of Sir George Buswell, Bart. of Clipston, in the County of Northampton, and one of the Daughters and Coheirs of Sir James Anyon, Knt. of the County of Northampton, by whom he had issue, one only Daughter, Jane, married to Montague Drake, Esq; of Shardelows, in the County of Bucks. He died the 13th of January, A. D. 1700. aged 62 Years.

Whereupon the dignity fell to his next brother,
Sir Samuel Garrard, Bart. who served several years in parliament,
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temp. Q. Anne, for Agmondesham, in Bucks, and was lord-mayor of London, 1710: he married two wives, first, Elizabeth, daughter of George Poyner, of Coddicote-Bury, in com. Hertford; Esq; who died in childbed, leaving no issue. His second lady was, Jane, daughter of Thomas Benet, of Salthrop, in com. Wilts, Esq; by whom he left three sons, 1. Sir Samuel, his successor; 2. Thomas Garrard, Esq; common serjeant of the city of London, who married, March, 1738, the only daughter of Robert Gay, of Hatton-garden, Esq; formerly representative in parliament for the city of Bath; and 3. Benet, who is unmarried. Sir Samuel, died senior alderman of London, and president of Bridewel and Bethlem hospitals, March 10, 1724, and lies buried in Whethampstead church, where, on a handsome marble monument, is the following inscription:

In a Vault near this Place, are deposited the Remains of that worthy Magistrate, Sir Samuel Garrard, of Lamer, in this Parish, and County, Baronet, Lord-Mayor of the City of London, in the Year 1710, many Years Member in Parliament for the Burrough of Agmondesham, in the County of Bucks, one of the Deputy-Lieutenants of this County, and President of Bethlehem and Bridewell Hospitals, all which Places of publick Trust and high Honour, he executed with the greatest Integrity, Impartiality, and Justice, which made him beloved and respected by the Good, and feared and envied only by the Bad. Nor was he less to be regarded for his Behaviour in private Life, being an affectionate Husband, a tender Father, a true Friend, a kind Master, and a liberal Benefactor.

So that he died universally lamented, on the 10th of March, 1724, in the 74th Year of his age, having been twice married; first, to Elizabeth, Daughter of George Poyner, of Coddicote-Bury, in this County, Esq; by whom he had no Issue; and secondly, to Jane, Daughter of Thomas Benet, of Salthrop, in the County of Wilts, Esq; formerly Member of Parliament for Mariborough, in that County, (who erected this Monument in memory of the best of Husbands,) and by whom he had 12 Children, 7 Sons, and 5 Daughters, of which, only 3 Sons, viz. the present Sir Samuel Garrard, Thomas, and Benet, survived him.

Sir Samuel Garrard, his eldest son, succeeded his father in dignity and estate, and is the present baronet, as yet unmarried.

ARMS: Argent, on a Fess, Sable, a Lion passant of the first.

CREST: On a Wreath, a Leopard Seiant, proper.

SEAT: At Lamer, in Hertfordshire.

61. GROSVENOR, of Eaton, Cheshire.

(Sir RICHARD, KNIGHT,)

Created BARONET, Feb. 23, 1621.

THIS name has been variously written, as Grosvenor, Le Grosvenor, Le Grosvenour, Grovenor, Le Grovenour, Le Grovener.

They are descended from a long train of illustrious ancestors, in the male line, who have flourished in Normandy, from the time of its first erection into a sovereign dukedom, to the conquest of England, having been ranked always with the foremost there either for nobleness of blood, or power; being descended from an uncle of (a) Rollo, first duke thereof; and having had the government of many castles and strong holds, and likewise the possession of that high office of honour and power, of le Grovenour, in those dominions, from which office, it is certain they took their surname.

The ancestor of this family, accompanied his cousin, Rollo, with his Danes, or Normans, into England, anno Christi 876, in the reign of King Alfred the Great, where having wintered, (and after some attempts,) despairing of procuring a settlement, resolved to go in quest of one in France, which they invaded, and (in the reign of King Edward, the elder, in England,) Rollo, the famous chief of the Normans, in France, had gotten such firm footing in Neustria, that it was not in the power of the French to drive him out; Charles the Simple, then King of France, was forced, in order to free himself from the continual fears of so troublesome a neighbour, to give him a grant of that part of Neustria, he was possessed of, lying between the Seine, and the Epte, with the title of duke of Normandy. The conditions were, that Rollo, should do homage to the crown of France, be baptized, and marry, Giselle, the King's daughter; all which he performed, and afterwards liberally rewarded his kinsmen, his companions, and the rest of his fellow adventurers.

In the year 1066, William, the bastard, seventh duke of Normandy, from Rollo, landed at Pevensey, in Suffex, and, after having

(a) Ex infor. Dom. Rob. Grosvenor, Bar. (b) Ibid.

having vanquished King Harold, at the battle of Hastings, towards the Christmas following, was elected and crowned King of England. Amongst those that accompanied him in this expedition, were, Robert, earl of Mortaigne, and Odo, bishop of Baieux, the duke's uterine brothers; and Hugh Lupus, earl of Au-ranches, their nephew; and Gilbert le Grosvenor (*a*), his nephew, as is evident from a record now in the Tower of London, of a famous suit had before the high-constable, and high-marshal of England, and others, commissioned for that purpose, which lasted three years, and ended the 12th of Rich. II. between Sir Richard le Scroope, late lord high-chancellor of England, and Sir Robert le Grosvenor, about their coat of arms, viz. Azure, one Bend, Or; wherein, by the testimony of old chronicles, old deeds, and other ancient records of monasteries, &c. then produced, and by the testimony of the following nobility, and gentlemen, then bearing arms, viz. John, duke of Lancaster, King of Castile and Leon, the earl of Derby, earl of Arundel, lord D'Arcy, lord Grey, of Ruthyn, the earl of Northumberland, the duke of Warwick, lord Poynings, Stephen, abbot of Vale-Royal, of the Cestertian order, Sir Owen de Glendore, Sir John le Maffy, de Podington, knight-banneret, Sir Laurence de Dutton, knight-banneret, Sir Hugh de Browe, knight-banneret, Richard de Monlegh, Robert de Pufeldon, Morgan de Yonge, John de Hanmere, John Decka, Tudor de Glendore, Howell de Eton, James de Eton, Thomas Sampeer, Sir William de Brereton, knight-banneret, Thomas de Davenport, John de Leycestre, Raufe de Leycestre, Hugh de Hulle, Richard de Legh, Richard de Vernon, Thomas de Legh, de Northwolde, John de Maffy, Hugh de Legh, Sir William de Legh, knight-banneret, Sir William de Atherton, knight-banneret, Sir Roger de Pilkington, knight-banneret, Raufe de Langton, baron de Newton, Henry de Rixton, Roger de Bradshagh, John de Haddock, Raufe de Standish, William de Chiff-nall, John de Ashurst, Richard de Atherton, Matthew de Sothworth, Sir William de Atherton, Knt. Matthew de Haidock, Roger de Atherton, Robert de Par, Henry de Tildesleigh, Gilbert de Culcheth, Hugh de Winstanlegh, Matthew de Tildesleigh, Henry de Par, John de Holcroft, Sir Richard de Bold, knight-banneret, Aleyn de Rixton, Richard de Masse, de Rixton, Gilbert de Burgg, Hugh de Welston, William de Moston, Randulph de Manwaring, William de Stanlegh, John Mainwaring, Geoffrey de Boydell, Sir John de Ashton, knight-banneret, John Pygot, Robert de Stanlegh, Esq; William de Hulme, Esq;

John

(*a*) Ex infor, ibid.

John de Cliffe, de Macclesfield, Esq; John Fitz-Richard, de Sutton, Esq; Robert de Holland, John de Holland, Raufe de Stanlegh, John de Radecleve, de Dordehall, John de Dockenfield, Esq; Thomas de Haschton, John de Legh, Geoffrey de Legh, William de Sodington, Robert de Downes, John de Davenport, de Bromhall, John de Dokenfeld, Geoffrey de Vernon, Robert de Hyde, John de Henford, Geoffrey Massy, Nicholas de Rixton, Roger le Prior de —, William de Tranmer, Thomas le Vernon, John Boteler, de Verton, William del Slene, Nicholas Orrell, Roger de Barton, Robert de Pilkington, de Rorrington, Yonet de Bradshaw, John de Trafford, Thomas de Pynnington, John de Urmiston, Thomas de Horneby, Sir Thomas Fleming, knight-banneret, Edmund de Dacre, John de Bache, John de Raudford, Sir John de Dalton, knight-banneret, Adam de Levere, Richard de Hilton, Edward de Lathum, Robert de Wastbynton, Robert de Bradshawe, Sir Robert de Hassal, Thomas Hesketh, Nicholas de Rigby, Thomas de Halghton, Henry Bradshawe, Richard Talbot, William de Hilton, Richard de Holland, Thomas de Merbury, John de Halum, William de Legh, David de Cruwe, David de Malpas, John Dann, de Utkinton, Henry de Beeston, John de Etoun, Hugh de Coton, Raufe de Egerton, Robert de Colwich, abbot of the abby of Combermere, William Danyell, Roger de Moldeworth, Robert Danyell, Robert de Hassall, John de Frodesham, Hugh de Coton, John de Burghe, John de Holford, William de Merston, abbot of St. Warburge, de Chester, many or some of them who depose their having seen in the chronicles, old deeds, and other records of monasteries, that Hugh Lupus, commonly called the first earl of Chester, after the conquest, nephew to William, the conqueror, of England, came into England, with the said William, and with the said earl Hugh, came, one Gilbert le Grosvenor, nephew of the said earl Hugh, armed with the arms aforesaid, viz. Azure, one Bend, D'Or, and that he bore the same to his death; from which Gilbert, descended Robert, his son and heir, and he used the same arms all his time; and from the said Robert, came one Henry; and from Henry, came Raufe; and from Raufe, came Robert; and from the said Robert, came another Robert; and from that Robert, came Raufe; and from that same Raufe, came Sir Robert le Grosvenor, who is now the defendant of these arms, which arms, all and every of them, successively, and by right of male descent, have born, and the same used peaceably and quietly, without the claim or challenge of any one whatsoever, down to this present contest, occasioned by Sir Richard le Scroope, being armed with these arms, as well as Sir Robert le Grosvenor, in the late expedition of Monsieur, the King, into Scotland; and except

that Sir John Danyell, knight-banneret, in behalf of the said Sir Robert le Grosvenor, (being his son-in-law, and an infant,) challenged in France, an esquire of Cornwall, one Carminaw, by name, upon seeing him armed with the said arms, and that the said Sir John Danyell, did maintain the said armes in bataille against him; and further they deposed, that they had heard from persons of rank, and ancient people whom they could believe and credit, that all and every of the aforesaid ancestors of the said Sir Robert le Grosvenor, had always borne and used the said arms, and that this was the common and received opinion of the matter, throughout the county of Chester, and in other parts and counties adjacent; and they or some of them, further depose, that he the said Sir Robert le Grosvenor, armed with these arms, accompanied, and was harbinger to Sir James D'Audley, then lieutenant to the lord Edward, prince of Wales, commonly called, Edward, the Black Prince, for seventeen years last past, and was in Berry, and Algayne, *del Tour de Brose, & à Issindon & à la siege de Rochefirion, en Peyto, en Gyan, & à Viers en Normandë, & en Bataille de Poitiers*, (where the said Sir James D'Audley, gained the greatest honour for his extraordinary valour, and bounty, and generosity to his esquires and followers,) and that the said Sir Robert le Grosvenor, being armed, as aforesaid, was at the victory of Najara, in Spain, 1367, and with the said lord Edward, the prince, in his last action, at Limoges, 1370, and that Raufe le Grosvenor, an ancestor of the said Sir Robert, was at Lincoln, with his cousin Ranulph, earl of Chester, and armed as aforesaid, 1141, when King Stephen, was taken prisoner; and again, 1143, with his said cousin, the earl of Chester, when he was pursued, and himself taken prisoner.

In the year 1070, King William I. gave the town and county of Chester, to Hugh Lupus, together with the earldom thereof, &c. and to Odo, bishop of Bajeux, his half-brother, he gave the earldom of Kent, and made him justiciary of England, and (after the death of Fitz-Ostom,) vice-roy of the whole kingdom; and to Robert, earl of Mortaigne, his other half-brother, he gave the earldom of Cornwall; and Hugh Lupus, earl of Chester, after the battle of Nampwich, parted the lordship of Lofstock, and gave the one moiety, which was called Nether-Lofstock, to Sir Hugh Rowchamp, progenitor of John de Holford, (who was an evidence in this cause, and at the time of giving his evidence, was of the age of forty-four years,) and the other moiety, called Over-Lofstock, he gave to Robert, son of Gilbert le Grosvenor, and is the inheritance of the defendant, by lineal male succession.

And Robert, another ancestor of the said Sir Robert, was armed with the said arms, with the late King Edward III. when he lay
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before Vannes, in Brittain; and likewise two years after, at the passage over the Somme, and the battle of Cressly, and at the siege of Calais; and that Robert, an ancestor of the said Sir Robert, was armed as aforesaid, with King Richard I. 1190, at Messina, in Sicily; and 1191, at the conquering of Cyprus, and at the taking the city of Acon, or Ptolemais, defended by the power of Saladin, and at the relief of Joppa, where Saladin, was repulsed. And Robert, another ancestor of the said Sir Robert, was in Scotland, with King Edward II. in his wars. And many of them likewise deposed, that they had seen the said arms painted in glass windows, and upon shields, standards, pennons, buildings, edifices, tombs, sepulchres, or monuments, and other places, as the arms of the said Sir Robert, and his ancestors; and particularly, in the several churches of Great-Budworth, Mobberley, Tarvin, Warton, Christleton, Stockport, Lymm, Sandbach, Aldford, Middewich, Nantwich, St. Werburge, in Chester, the Fryars-Minors, in Chester, St. Mary, in Chester, Vale-Royal abbey, Cumbermere abbey, the chapels of Hulme, Over-Pever, Nether-Pever, Witton, Bonches, and Bold, and at Dutton, and Bradley; and likewise had seen several charters, records, and other deeds, belonging to the said Sir Robert, and his ancestors, sealed with seals engraved with the said arms, and which were with the register, to be by him properly exhibited before the lord the constable, and the lord the marshal of England; and the said Howel de Eton, James de Eton, Sir William de Brereton, knight-banneret, Thomas de Davenport, John de Leycestre, Raufe de Leycestre, Sir Richard de Bold, knight-banneret, Randulph de Manwaring, John Manwaring, Raufe de Stanlegh, Thomas de Stanlegh, Robert de Downes, John de Davenport, de Bromhall, Robert de Hyde, Thomas le Vernon, John de Eton, Robert de Hassall, John de Frodsham, and Hugh de Coton, do further depose, that they be cousins to the said Sir Robert le Grosvenor, defendant.

It appears by the said trial, that Sir Richard le Scroope, 1346, in his expedition against the Scots, challenged an esquire of Cornwall, of the name of Carminaw, and upon examination before the knights, and esquires, there present, it was alledged, that Sir Richard le Scroope, and his ancestors had borne the said arms ever since the conquest of England; and on the part of Carminaw, it was alledged, that he and his ancestors had borne the said arms, ever since the time of King Arthur; wherefore they adjudged them both to continue the bearing the said arms. And the sentence of the court, in the cause of le Scroope, and le Grosvenor, was, that the said le Scroope, should bear the said arms of Azure, on Bend d'Or, as before, and that le Grosvenor, should bear the

said arms, but with a Bordure d'Argent ; from which sentence he appealed to the King himself ; before whom, by his commissioners, the whole pleadings were review'd, and the affair was compromised thus ; that Sir Richard le Scroope, should continue the usage of the said arms, and that Sir Robert le Grosvenor, should either use the said arms with a Bordure, as in the sentence, or else might bear instead of the Bend, Or, a Garb, Or ; from the arms of the ancient earls of Chester, his consanguinity to them having been so fully proved in the said trial ; whereupon, Sir Robert, ever after, gave for his arms, Azure, Garb, d'Or.

Hugh Lupus, earl of Chester, 6 Will. Rufus, when he grew into years, disposed himself to several works of piety, (as his munificence to the monastery of Bee, and the foundation of St. Severus, both in Normandy, do well witness ;) and in 1093, he began the foundation of a new one, for monks of St. Bennet's order, in Chester, and endowed very largely, and plentifully, as may be seen in the original charter, *penes decan. & capit. Cestriae*, to which, Ranulph, and Ernoise, two of the family of the Grosvenors, are witnesses.

And by this charter, he gave liberty to each of his principal barons, to give C^s. per ann. land thereto, and to all others, as much as they were able to bestow, &c.

Amongst his barons, and great men, which were the next benefactors thereto, we meet with several of this family who gave lands in Lostock, in Cotintune, in Lay, in Bradford, in Nampwich, in Brocktune, as appears by earl Richard's confirmation, dated at Gralam, 1119, 19 Hen. I. they likewise were benefactors to their uncle's foundations of Bee, and St. Severus, in Normandy.

In doomsday-book, begun and finished between the 14 and 15 years of Will. I. we find the earl of Chester, had, inter alia, Lay, Codynton, prope Farndon, and Little-Budworth, which he afterwards bestowed upon this family ; and that Gislebertus Venator, held of the earl, Newbold, Astbery, Bretone, or Brereton, some lands in Kindarton, Danport, Witton, cum Twambrook, Blakenhall, juxta Chorlton ; and that Radulphus Venator, held of the earl, Stapleford, Brocketune, Sutone ; and that Warmund Venator, held of the earl, Bruncot, in North-Wales ; and in *Libro Rubro in Scaccario*, we find that Richard le Grosvenor, held the manor de Budworth, en le Frith, with its appurtenances, of our lord the King, as earl of Chester, in capite, by the service of one knight's fee, 23 Edw. I.

And it appears that, anno 1234, 18 Hen. III. Richard le Grosvenor (a), purchased Hulme, in Allostock, and Nether-Lostock,

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of Gralam, son of Richard de Runchamp, who was son to Henry de Runchamp, lord of Nether-Lofstock; and that in 1269, it was agreed, between the prior, and convent of Norton, of the one part, and Richard le Grosvenor, and other parishioners of Nether-Pever chapel, on the other part; that the prior of Norton, should find them a secular chaplain, to say divine service, &c. and the parishioners to find books, vestments, vessels, and other ornaments of the church, at their own costs; (the original, penes Shakerley, of Hulme.) Nether-Pever, was purchased by Robert le Grosvenor, of Hulme, about the reign of Edward I. in which reign, the said Robert, served the office of sheriff of Chester, for several years, viz. 12, 13, 14, and 15 Edw. I. etiam 16 Edw. I. the said Robert, married one of the seven daughters of William de Mobberley, of the county of Chester, Esq; by his second wife, Maud, daughter and heir of Robert Downes, of Chorley, juxta Werford, and had issue, Sir Robert, as is set forth above, in the record afore mentioned. Note, the above named William de Mobberley, was sheriff of Cheshire, 13 Edw. II. 1319, and had issue by his former wife, Sir Raufe de Mobberley, and Cicely, a daughter, who married to John Dumville, the younger of Mobberley, 3 Edw. III. 1329; and the said William Mobberley, died 1 Edw. III. 1327; and Sir Raufe Mobberley, of Mobberley, the son, dying without issue, in France, 35 Edw. III. 1361, his sister, Ciceley, inherited the Mobberley lands; and his sisters of the half blood, being the daughters of his father, William Mobberley, and Maud Downes, aforementioned, became heirs to their mother's lands, in Chorley, aforesaid. Mary, one of the daughters of the above Robert le Grosvenor, married Edmund Sherard, who became heir to his brother, 12 Edw. I. 1284, and was son of Sir Thomas Sherard, Knt. a person of great note, in the reign of Henry III. and who was descended from Sherard, who was resident in England, and had great possessions in the counties of Chester, and Lancaster, in the reign of Will. I. which Mary, wife of the said William Sherard, died 1297, 26 Edw. I. leaving William Sherard, son and heir, and lineal ancestor to the present dutchess dowager of Rutland, and to the present lord Sherard, earl of Harborough.

Sir Robert le Grosvenor (*a*), lord of Hulme, son and heir of Robert, married Emma, daughter of Waring de Maynwarding, de Pever, and had issue; vixit temp. Ed. III.

Sir Robert le Grosvenor (*b*), the defendant, son and heir of Raufe, the son and heir of Sir Robert, married first, Joan, one of

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the daughters of Sir John Daniers, vulgo Danyell, of Tabley, in the county of Chester, knight-banneret, by whom he had no issue; and after his coming home from the wars, in France, he married to his second wife, Joan, or Jane, sometimes called Joceline, daughter to Sir Robert de Pulford, lord of Pulford, in the county of Chester, Knt. the widow of Thomas Belgrave, and who afterwards became heir to her brother, John de Pulford, lord of Pulford, aforesaid, and had issue. This Sir Robert le Grosvenor, was sheriff of the county of Chester, *quam diu nobis placuerit*, by an ancient writ now remaining in the exchequer, at Chester, dated Jan. 1, 12 Ric. II. 1388; he was again sheriff of the said county, 18 Ric. II. 1394, and died the 19th or 20th Ric. II. 1396.

Note, John de Pulford, to whom dame Joan le Grosvenor, his sister, became heir, was the son and heir of Sir Robert de Pulford, by dame Joan, his wife, (who surviving him, took to her second husband, Richard de Boseley,) vixit 22 Ed. III. 1348, when Sir James Audley, was sheriff of the county of Chester; and Sir Robert de Pulford, was the son of Sir Robert, lord of Pulford, living 2 Ed. II. 1308, which last Sir Robert de Pulford, was the son of another Sir Robert de Pulford, lord of Pulford, who was in Scotland, with King Edward I.

Sir Thomas le Grosvenor, Knt. lord of Hulme, in Allostock, son and heir to Sir Robert, married Joan, one of the daughters and heirs of Sir William Phefant, of the county of Stafford, Knt. and was living 10 Hen. V. 1422, and had issue male four sons, viz. Robert, Raufe, Thomas, and Randolph; (of the three last, we shall mention hereafter;) and his wife surviving him, married to her second husband, Sir Thomas del Roche, Knt. and was living 9 Hen. VI. 1431.

Robert le Grosvenor, lord of Hulme, son and heir of Sir Thomas (a), was, in Hen. VI's wars, in France, the most part of his reign; he married Jonet, alias Johanne, daughter to Sir Jeoffry de Chedell, Knt. and had issue six daughters, his coheirs, viz. Elizabeth, Emme, Catherine, Margaret, Anne, and Margery, who divided his estates by deed of partition, dated anno 1465, 5 Ed. IV. and he died in possession of Hulme, Allostock, Lofstock, Gram, Nether-Pever, Donam, Barton, Aldersey, Broxton, Chorley, Buyerton, Pulford, and lands in Claverton, nigh Chester, and in Honbridge, nigh Chester, all these in the county of Chester, and had considerable possessions too in the county of Stafford. Elizabeth, the eldest daughter, and one of the coheirs of Robert, married

(a) Ex infor. ibid,

married unto Peter Dutton, of Hatton, Esq; 24 Hen. VI. 1445; he was son and heir of John Dutton, of Hatton, Esq; she was living 9 Ed. IV. 1469, but died in her husband's life-time, and left issue, Peter Dutton, jun. Raufe, Richard, and Randle; and Peter Dutton, jun. married Eleanor, daughter of Sir Robert Fowleshurst, of Cruwe, in the county of Chester, Knt. and had issue, Sir Piers Dutton, of Hatton, and Dutton, Knt. who died 37 Hen. VIII. 1545, leaving many sons and daughters, whose eldest daughter, Catherine, married first, to Sir Roger Puleston, alias Pilston, of Emral, in the county of Flint, and afterwards, to Richard Grosvenor, second son to Richard Grosvenor, of Eaton, Esq; by whom she had issue. Emme, second daughter, and one of the coheirs of Robert, married unto John Legh, of the Booths, in the county of Chester, Esq; and had issue only one daughter and heir, named Elizabeth, who married unto Piers Shakerleigh, and had issue; and Emme, to her second husband, married Ralph Egerton, Esq; who survived her; they were both living, 5 Hen. VII. 1490, and had issue.

Note, By the above match, the Shakerleighs, became lords of Hulme, and fifth part of all Allostock, &c. and continue so to this time, 1741.

Catherine, third daughter, and one of the coheirs to Robert, married first, unto Richard Winnington, of Winnington, in the county of Chester, Esq; and unto William Venables, afterwards, and by her first husband had three sons, Richard, Peter, and George; and two daughters, Jane, and Elizabeth, all living, 5 Hen. VII. 1490. This lady had the lordship of Pulford, in Cheshire, and other lands, by the said deed of Partition, 5 Ed. IV. and a fifth part of her sister Margery Grosvenor's share, she dying unmarried; by another deed of partition, 14 Ed. IV.

Richard Winnington, her eldest son and heir, married Joan Smith, and had issue two daughters, viz. Catherine, who died without issue, 23 Hen. VII. 1508, as appears by her office, taken 6 Hen. VIII. 1515; and Elizabeth, who married Sir Piers Warburton, of Arley, 2 Hen. VIII. 1511, being then sole daughter and heir; for Richard, died 19 Hen. VII. 1504: Joan, his wife, died 24 Hen. VII. 1509; and Sir Piers Warburton, died 4 Ed. VI. 1550; and Elizabeth, his wife, daughter and heir of Richard Winnington, Esq; died 6 Mariae, 1558.

Note, Warburton, of Arley, had, by this match, all the lands then belonging to Winnington, of Winnington, also Pulford, and other lands, and also a fifth part of Margery's share of Grosvenor's lands, before mentioned, which descended also, and are enjoyed by the same family to this time, 1741.

Margaret, fourth daughter, and one of the coheirs of Robert, married unto Thomas Leicester, of Nether-Tabley, Esq; she was living,

living, 9 Ed. IV. 1469; she died before her husband, and left issue, from whom is descended the present Sir Francis Leicester, Bart. This lady's division, was a moiety of Nether-Pever, cum Little-Pever, the third of Over-Alderley, the third part of Pygrave wood, in the demesne lands of Allostock, in the county of Chester, and certain lands in Hope, juxta Aston-Field, in the county of Stafford; and Margery Grosvenor, the sixth daughter, and one of the coheirs of Robert, dying, as above, John Leicester, son and heir of Thomas, had, in right of his mother, as sister and coheir to Margery, a fifth part of Allostock, &c. by partition, dated 14 Ed. IV. as above. Anne, or Agnes, fifth daughter, and one of the coheirs to Robert, married, 9 Ed. IV. 1469, unto Sir William Stanley, of Hooton, Knt. and had issue, from whom is descended, Sir Rowland Stanley, now of Hooton, Bart. this lady's part was, Buyerton, Newbolde, and other lands in Cheshire, with a fifth part of her sister Margery's share, who died unmarried, as above.

Raufe le Grosvenor, (second son of Sir Thomas le Grosvenor, lord of Hulme,) sometimes called Rawline, brother and heir male to Sir Robert Grosvenor, of Hulme, Knt. married two wives; first, Joan, sole daughter and heir unto John Eton, of Eton, near Chester, Esq; and had issue, sons and daughters, viz. Robert, son and heir, Richard, James, Jonet, and Alice; but by his second wife, who was Ellyn, daughter to Jenkin Manley, Esq; we find no issue; which said John Eton, the father of Joan, was son of John de Eton, lord of Eton, and Stockton, who married Beatrice, and died 3 Hen. V. 1415; and this John, was the son of another John, who married Margaret, daughter unto Henry de Weston, Esq; and this same John, was son to Richard de Eton, who married Joan, and were living together 20 Ed. III. 1346; he died, 5 Rich. II. 1381, and was the son of Robert de Eton, and Isabel, his wife, who was heir of William de Stockton, lord of Stockton, and were both living, 5 Ed. II. 1311; and this Robert de Eton, was the son of Richard de Eton, son and heir of another Richard de Eton, who was son and heir of another Richard, who was son to William de Eton, and heir to another William, who was son and heir to another William de Eton, whose first name is unknown.

Thomas Grosvenor, third son of Sir Thomas le Grosvenor, Knt. married (a) Elizabeth, daughter and coheir of Richard Pershall, de Chetwynd, and Billaport, in the county of Salop, Esq; temp. Hen.

(a) Ex infor. ibid.

Hen. VII. and had issue, Randolph Grosvenor, of Bellaport, his son and heir, who married Margaret, one of the daughters of Randal Maynwaring, of Carrigham, and had issue, Randolph, son and heir, who married Anne, daughter of William Charlton, of Apley, in the county of Salop, Esq; and had issue, Thomas Grosvenor, son and heir, who married Margery, daughter of John Cotes, of Woodcote, in the county of Salop, Esq; and had issue, William Grosvenor, of Bellaport, Esq; son and heir, who married Anne, one of the daughters and heirs of William Heywood, of Stonelow, in the county of Stafford, Esq; and had issue, William Grosvenor, of Bellaport, Esq; son and heir, who married Cicely, one of the daughters of Sir Richard Maynwaring, of Ightfield, Knt. and had no issue.

Note, The other coheir of Richard Pershall, married — Pigott, and had Chetwynd, for her part, from whom the Pigotts, of Chetwynd, in com. Salop. are descended.

Randolph, fourth son of Sir Thomas le Grosvenor, Knt. living 11 Hen. VII. 1496, married — Whitmore, from whom the Grosvenors, of Warwickshire, derive their pedigree.

Robert, eldest son of Raufe Grosvenor, and Joan, his wife, 8 Hen. IV. married Catherine, daughter of Sir William Norris, of Speake, in the county of Lancaster, Knt. and had issue, Thomas, Richard, Catherine, and Jane, and died 12 Hen. VII. Raufe, second son of Robert, and Joan, married at the city of Chester, and had a son named Richard, and daughters; Alice, one of the daughters, married unto William Goodman, and had issue; Richard Grosvenor, the son, was sheriff of Chester, 1492, and married Sybil, and had issue two sons, one of which sons was sheriff of Chester; and nine daughters, as appeared in the glass windows in the church of St. Mary on the Hill, in the city of Chester, 1534, 26 Hen. VIII. Jonet, daughter of Raufe, and Joan Grosvenor, married, 38 Hen. VI. to Oliver Hope, son of John Hope, of whom is descended the present George Hope, of Broughton, Esq;

James Grosvenor, third son of Raufe, and Joan, married Margaret, daughter unto — Stanley, of Ewlowe, and had issue, Margaret, his sole daughter and heir, who married unto Richard Oldfield, and had issue, who afterwards were of Bradwell, in the county of Chester.

Thomas Grosvenor, son and heir of Robert, and Catherine, married 10 Hen. VII. unto (a) Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Hugh Calvelea, of the Lea, in the county of Chester, Knt. and died 27 Hen. VII. without issue.

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(a) Ex inf. ibid.

Richard Grosvenor, second son and heir of Sir Robert, after the decease of his brother, Thomas, married 1 Hen. VIII. unto Catherine (a), third daughter, and one of the heirs of Richard Coton, of Rudware-Hampstall, in the county of Stafford, Esq; and had issue, Elizabeth, Eleanor, Catherine, Anne, Alice, Margaret, Maud, Jane, Dorothy, Mary, and Ursula; Sir Thomas, Knt. Richard, John, Anthony, and George; he died 34 Hen. VIII. 27 July, 1542. The other coheirs of Richard Coton, de Rudware, &c. were, Maud, the eldest, who married Sir Anthony Fitzherbert, of Norbury, justice of the King's-bench, 14 Hen. VIII. Eleanor, the second, married to Sir William Venables; Isabel, the fourth, married to Sir Thomas Bradburne, of Derbyshire, Knt. and the said Richard Coton, was heir to Thurcaston, Tayme, and Maplewell, in the county of Leicester, Coilston, and Rosington, in the county of Derby, Rudware Hampstall, Poeswood, and Ashfield, in the county of Stafford, Coton, and Oskroft, in the county of Chester; his grandfather, Richard Coton, of Rudware-Hampstall, having married, 31 Hen. VI. unto Joan, one of the daughters, of Richard Venables, Esq; baron of Kinderton, by Elizabeth, his wife, sister and one of the heirs of Hugh Venables, baron of Kinderton, slain at the battle fought upon Bloreheath, 23 Sept. 1459, 38 Hen. VI. and which Hugh Venables, was descended from Sir Hugh de Venables, Knt. baron of Kinderton, who, in the reign of Edward I. married Agatha, daughter and heir to old Sir Raufe Vernon, Knt. and John Coton, the father of the said Richard, living 12 Hen. VI. having married Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Sir William Faukoner, of Thurcaston, Knt. which Sir William Faukoner, was son to Sir John le Faukoner, Knt. who was living 22 Rich. II. and was son to William le Faukoner, who was living 30 Edw. III. and was son to Thomas le Faukoner, who was living 14 Edw. II. and was son to William le Faukoner, the son of Sir John le Faukoner, Knt. who married Margery, daughter and heir to Geoffry, lord of Thurcaston, son of Geoffry, son of Philip, lord of Thurcaston, who was son of Robert le Faukoner, de Thurcaston, son of William le Faukoner, de Thurcaston, who married Margery de St. Par; and he was son of Raufe le Faukoner, son of Scanard le Faukoner, son of Henry le Faukoner, de Thurcaston, in the county of Leicester, in William, the conqueror's reign. And Edmund Coton, father of the abovesaid John, was lord of Rudware-Hampstall, in right of his wife, 45 Edw. III. whose name was Johan, the daughter and

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and heir of Walter de Rudware-Hampstall, by Joan, his wife, daughter and heir of Walter Walltheofe, and Julian, his wife, daughter and heir of John Bassinge; and the said Walter Rudware, was grandson to Sir Walter Rudware, son of Walter Rudware, by Matilda, his wife, daughter of Nicholas Peeke, by Hawyde, his wife, daughter of Reginald VI. uncle of the Conqueror. Catherine, eldest daughter of Robert, son of Raufe Grosvenor, first married Thomas Hough, of Leighton, Esq; and to her second husband, married Sir William Venables, Knt. baron of Kinderton; by her first husband she had issue, John Hough, son and heir, who married Christian, daughter unto Sir George Calvelea, Knt. and had issue, William Hough, who married Jane, daughter to Thomas, lord Cromwell, and had Alice, sole daughter and heir, married unto William Whitmore, of Leighton, who had issue. And by her second husband had issue, Anthony Venables, and Anne Venables, who married Richard Leigh, of High-Leigh, Esq; Jane, the youngest daughter of Robert, son of Raufe Grosvenor, married to Raufe, son and heir of Nicholas Leigh, of High Leigh, Esq; and had issue, 3 Edw. III. two daughters coheirs, namely, Catherine, and Jane; which Catherine, married unto — Done, of Flaxyards, and had issue: her sister, Jane, married to Randolph Spurstowe, of Spurstowe, Esq; and had issue. Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Richard Grosvenor, by Catherine Coton, his wife, was lady of the nuns of Chester, 1532, 24 Hen. VIII. Eleanor, second daughter married unto Thomas Reddish, lord of Gropenhall, and Dodelston, &c. in the county of Chester, Esq; and had issue a daughter, Maud, who became heir to her father, and married unto William Marbury, of Marbury, in the county of Chester, Esq; and had issue. Catherine, third daughter, married unto Thomas Ravenscroft, of Bretton, in the county of Flint, Esq; son and heir of George, and had issue. Anne, fourth daughter, married unto Roger Puleston, of Emerald, in the county of Flint, and had issue. Alice, fifth daughter, was a nun, at Chester, living 1 Eliz. Margaret, sixth daughter, married first unto Raufe Birkenhead, of Trowton, in the county of Chester, Esq; by whom she had issue; and to her second husband, married George Wood, of Baltersey, justice of Chester; and to her third husband, married John Molineux, of the Wood, in the county of Lancaster. Maud, seventh daughter, married to Humphrey Ridgeley, of Ridgeley, in the county of Stafford, Esq; and had no issue. Jane, eighth daughter, married unto George Sandford, of Sandford, in the county of Salop, Esq; and afterwards, unto Sir William Hollis, Knt. and had no issue. Dorothy, ninth daughter, married Richard Willbraham, of Woodhey, Esq; son and heir of William Willbraham,

ham, of Woodhey, Esq; and had issue; and to her second husband, she married Henry Seyvile, of Barteley, in the county of York, Esq; but by him had no issue. Mary, tenth daughter, married Thomas Leigh, of Adlington, in the county of Chester, Esq; and had issue, and likewise a second husband. Ursula, eleventh daughter, died unmarried. Richard, second son of Richard Grosvenor, and Catherine Coton, his wife, married Elizabeth, daughter to Piers Dutton, of Hatton, the relict of Sir Roger Puleston, of Emerald, and had issue; he was sheriff of the county of Flint, 6 Edw. VI. John Grosvenor, third son of Richard, and Catherine, married, but left no issue; his son, Thomas, dying before him unmarried. Anthony Grosvenor, fourth son of Richard, and Catherine, married Uriel, daughter to Sir Roger Puleston, of the Temple, Knt. and had issue three daughters, Elizabeth, Amy, and Frances; of whom, Elizabeth, and Frances, died unmarried; Amy, married unto Edward Bewlott, of Moreton, son and heir to Edward Bewlott, of Moreton, Esq; George Grosvenor, sixth son of Richard, and Catherine, died young.

Sir Thomas Grosvenor, Knt. eldest son and heir to Richard Grosvenor, and Catherine Coton, his wife, married 20 Hen. VIII. unto Maud (a), daughter of Sir William Pole, in the county of Chester, Knt. and had issue, Elizabeth, Catherine, and Grace; Thomas, and Richard. Sir Thomas, died 24 April, 1549, 3 Edw. VI. aged thirty-six, leaving his wife, a widow, who, 4 Edw. VI. married Robert Fletcher, of Ince, in the county of Chester, Esq; and was again a widow, 2 Eliz. and died 24 Eliz. 1582. Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Sir Thomas Grosvenor, and Maud Pole, his wife, married unto Richard Masterfon, of Namptwyche, in the county of Chester, Esq; Catherine, second daughter, married unto Richard Hunt, and had issue; and after, married unto Richard Shawcross. Grace, third daughter, married unto John Massie, of Codrington, Esq; and had no issue. Richard, second son, never married.

Thomas Grosvenor, eldest son of Sir Thomas Grosvenor, and Maud, his wife, married Anne, daughter unto Roger Bradshaigh, of the Haigh, in the county of Lancaster, Esq; he died 21 Eliz. 1579, and had issue, Maud, Mary, Anne, and Julian; Richard, and Thomas; Anne, his widow, afterwards married William Radcliffe, and was living 36 Eliz. Maud, eldest daughter, died unmarried. Mary, second daughter, was born 1564, 6 Eliz. married

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married George Salusbury, of Bestock, second son of Sir John Salusbury, of Llewenny, in the county of Denbigh, and dame Jane, his wife, and had issue. *Anne*, third daughter, married unto Roger Hurlestone, son and heir to Roger Hurlestone, of Chester, Esq; *Julian*, fourth daughter, born 1568, 10 Eliz. married unto Francis Broughton. Thomas, the younger son, died unmarried.

Richard Grosvenor, of Eaton, eldest son and heir of Thomas, and Anne, his wife, was sheriff of the county of Chester, 44 Eliz. 1602, and married (a) Christian, daughter unto Richard Brooke, of Norton, in the county of Chester, Esq; and had issue, Anne, Thomas, Richard, Mary, Christian, Frances, Dorothy, another Frances, Catherine, Dorothy, Eleanor, Elizabeth, Jane, Thomas, another Eleanor, Margaret, and Maudlin; Christian, his wife, dying 1609, he afterwards married to his second wife, 1614, 12 Jac. I. Jane Bostock, of Morton-Say, in the county of Salop, relict of John Bostock, of Morton-Say, aforesaid, Esq; he died 18 September, 1619 17 Jac. I. ætat. 56. leaving Jane, a widow, by whom he had no issue. Anne, eldest daughter of Richard Grosvenor, de Eaton, and Christian, his wife, born 1582, 14 Eliz. married John Massie, son and heir of John Massie, of Coddington, Esq; and had issue five sons, and three daughters. Thomas, eldest son of Richard Grosvenor, and Christian, his wife, died young. Richard, second son, of whom hereafter. Mary, second daughter, died unmarried. Christian, third daughter, 1601, 43 Eliz. married Peter Danyell, of Tabley, Esq; and had issue, Peter, son and heir, and two daughters, Margaret, and Christian. This Peter Danyell, was one of the knights for the county of Chester, in parliament, 1625, died 18 April, 1652, aged sixty-eight years; and Christian, his wife, survived him, and died 1663, aged seventy-six. Frances, fourth daughter of Richard, and Christian Grosvenor, died young. Dorothy, fifth daughter, died unmarried. Frances, sixth daughter, born 33 Eliz. 1591, married to Samuel Bisphan, of Billinge, in the county of Lancaster, doctor of physick. Catherine, seventh daughter, born 34 Eliz. 1592, married, 1618, to Thomas Glynne, of Glynnellivon, in the county of Carnarvon, Esq; Dorothy, eighth, Eleanor, ninth, Elizabeth, tenth, Jane, eleventh, daughters, and Thomas, third son, all died young. Eleanor, twelfth daughter, born 43 Eliz. 1601, married Arthur Chambers, of Pitton, in the county of Salop, Esq; Margaret, thirteenth daughter, born 1 James I. 1603, married first, Henry Brereton,
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by whom she had one son, Henry Brereton; her second husband was, Hugh Willbraham, Esq; Maudlin, fourteenth daughter, died unmarried.

Richard Grosvenor, of Eaton, second son of Richard, and Christian, became heir to his father, (his elder brother dying young, as aforesaid,) was knighted 17 Jac. I. created baronet 19 Jac. was sheriff of Cheshire, 22 Jac. and sheriff of Denbighshire, the year following, in which year, the King died (a); he was one of the knights for the county of Chester, in parliament, 1625, and mayor of Chester, in his time; he married (b) Lettice, second daughter of Sir Hugh Cholmondeley, of Cholmondeley, in the county of Chester, the younger, knight, by Mary, his wife, daughter and sole heir of Christopher Holford, of Holford, Esq; and had issue, Sir Richard Grosvenor, Bart. his son and heir; and three daughters, Christian, Mary, and Grace; and in 1614, 12 Jac. he married to his second wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Thomas Willbraham, of Woodhey, Knt. by whom he had one son, Thomas, who died young; and this wife dying 1621, to his third wife he married, Elizabeth, one of the daughters of Sir Peter Warburton, of Grafton, Knt. one of his majesty's justices of his court of common-pleas; she was the relict of Thomas Stanley, of Alderley, Esq; by whom he had no issue, and she died 1629; and he died 1645, ætat 61. Christian, eldest daughter of Sir Richard Grosvenor, Knt. and Bart. married 19 Jac. 1621, to Sir Francis Gamul, of the city of Chester, Knt. who had issue a son, (who was killed in the civil wars, and died without issue,) and several daughters. Mary, the second daughter of Sir Richard Grosvenor, Knt. and Bart. died unmarried, 1642, 18 Car. I. and, Grace, the third daughter, died unmarried, 1638, 14 Car. I.

Sir Richard Grosvenor, Bart. son and heir of the first baronet, (c) was sheriff of the said county, *pro rege*, 20 Car. 1644, at which time, he raised the *Posse Comitatus*, to oppose the parliament army, commanded by Fairfax; and continued stedfast in his loyalty to his King and country, during the whole time of that unnatural war, whereby he suffered very great hardships; having his estates sequestred, and was turned out of his habitation, at Eaton, to seek for shelter, and afterwards lived in a small house belonging to a neighbouring gentleman, for many years, till the time of the happy restoration of King Charles II. He married, in 1628, Sidney, daughter of Sir Roger Mostyn, of Mostyn, in the county of Flint, Knt. by Mary, his wife, daughter of Sir John Wynne, of

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of Gwidden, in the county of Carnarvon, Knt. and died Jan. 31, 1664, ætat. about sixty, and had issue, Roger, Thomas, Robert, Hugh, John, Lettice, Catherine, Mary, and Sidney; and was succeeded in his honour and estates, by his grandson, Thomas, the eldest son of Roger Grosvenor, deceased.

Roger Grosvenor, Esq; eldest son of Sir Richard Grosvenor, Bart. had likewise his estates sequestred, at the same time as his father, and continued stedfast in his loyalty to his King and country, and was ready and prepared, in Wales, 1659, together with Sir Thomas Myddleton, Knt. his father-in-law, and his wife's brothers-in-law, the lord Herbert, and Sir Richard Wynne, of Gwidden, waiting his majesty's orders; he married in 1654, Christian, daughter of Sir Thomas Myddleton, aforesaid. He died 1661, being killed in a duel, ætat. 33, and had issue, Thomas, Robert, John, and Roger, Sidney, and Anne.

Thomas Grosvenor, second son of Sir Richard Grosvenor, the second baronet, died unmarried, ætat. 44, 1674. Robert Grosvenor, third son, died unmarried, after he arrived at man's estate. Hugh Grosvenor, fourth son, died unmarried, ætat. 61, 1698. John Grosvenor, fifth son, died unmarried, ætat. 55; and three of the four daughters of Sir Richard Grosvenor, the second baronet, died unmarried; and the fourth, married Thomas Hesketh, of Rufford, in the county of Lancaster, Esq; and left issue, Robert, Thomas, and Jane; and to her second husband, she married colonel Spencer, a son of the hon. William Spencer, Esq; third son of William, lord Spencer, but by him had no issue; her eldest son, Robert Hesketh, married Elizabeth, the sister of the above colonel Spencer, by whom he left only one daughter, Elizabeth, who married, 1715, to Sir Edward Stanley, Bart. who is now the present earl of Derby, and hath issue, sons and daughters; and, Thomas Hesketh, her younger son, married a sister of Sir Reginald Graham, Bart. and left issue only one son, Thomas, who married Martha, daughter of James St. Amand, Esq; and left issue two sons, infants; and Jane Hesketh, her daughter, married Henry Brooke, Esq; second son of Sir Richard Brooke, of Norton, Bart. whom she survived, and is now living at Ormskirk, in the county of Lancaster.

Sir Thomas Grosvenor, Bart. son of Roger, and grandson and heir to Sir Richard Grosvenor, Bart. (a) was representative in parliament, for the city of Chester, in the reigns of Car. II. Jac. II. and Will. III. and was mayor of Chester, 1685, and by commission, dated 22 June, 1685, 1 Jac. II. he had the honour
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(a) Ex infer. *ibid.*

of the command of a troop of horse, in the earl of Shrewsbury's regiment, and was at the camp, on Hounslow-heath; and when the bill came into the house, for repealing the penal laws, and test acts, he was closetted by the King, and proffered the regiment, and a peerage, for his assent, which he refused (*a*), preferring the religion, and liberty of his country, to all honours and power, so likely at that time, to be attended with popery and slavery; and thereupon quitted his commission, went into the house, and gave his negative to it. He was sheriff of the county of Chester, 4 Jac. II. and 1 Will. and Mary; and married, 1676, to Mary, sole daughter and heir of Alexander Davies, of Ebury, in the county of Middlesex, Esq; and died June, 1700, ætat. 44; and his lady died Jan. 12, 1729-30, ætat. 65; he had issue eight children, viz. Elizabeth, Mary, Thomas, Richard, (who became their son and heir,) Thomas, Robert, Roger, and Anne.

Robert, and Roger, second and fourth sons of Roger Grosvenor, died young. John Grosvenor, Esq; third son of Roger, and brother to Sir Thomas Grosvenor, was sheriff of the county of Merioneth, in his time, and married to his first wife, Anne, daughter and heir to Godfrey Prodrick, of Llanedon, Esq; the relict of Pierce Lloyd, of Llugway; and to his second wife, Anne, daughter and coheir to Sir Richard Lloyd, of Esles, in the county of Denbigh, Knt. the relict of Edward Ravenscroft, of Bretton, in the county of Flint, Esq; and died August, 1691, ætat. 31, and left no issue. Sidney Grosvenor, eldest daughter of Roger Grosvenor, was born 1650, married to Nicholas Bagnall, of Anglesea, Esq; by whom she had only one son, who died young. Anne, youngest daughter of Roger Grosvenor, died young.

Sir Richard Grosvenor, Bart. son and heir of Sir Thomas Grosvenor, Bart. and dame Mary, his wife, was constantly elected a member of parliament for the city of Chester, from his coming of age, to his death (*b*), and was mayor of Chester, 1715; and at the coronation of his present majesty King George II. performed the office of grand cup-bearer of England, by presenting the first cup of wine to his majesty, to drink out of, after he was crowned; which service he performed, as being the lord of the manor of Wymondeley, in the county of Hertford, which manor is held from the crown, by tenure of grand serjeantry, and had the cup as his fee. He married to his first wife, 1708 (*c*), Jane, daughter of Sir Edward Wyndham, of Orchard-Wyndham, in com. Somerset, Bart. and had issue by her only one daughter, named Catherine,

(*a*) Ex infer. ibid. (*b*) Ibid. (*c*) Ibid.

therine, who died young; and the mother dying 6 Feb. 1719, to his second wife, he married in Easter, 1724, Diana, the only daughter of Sir George Warburton, Bart. who died without issue, Feb. 1729; and Sir Richard, died July 12, 1732, ætat. 44, and was succeeded in his honour and estates, by his next brother,

Sir Thomas Grosvenor, then his colleague, as member of parliament for the city of Chester, and an alderman thereof; he died of a consumption, at Naples, unmarried, Jan. 31, 1732-3, ætat. 40, and was succeeded by his only brother,

Sir Robert Grosvenor, the present baronet; at that time, and in the last, and present parliament, a member for the city of Chester, and was mayor thereof, 1737, and married in May, 1730(a), Jane, the only surviving child of Thomas Warre; of Swell-Court, and of Shepton-Beauchamp, in com. Somerset, and of Sand-hall, in com. Hants, Esq; and hath had issue, Richard, Thomas, Mary, Elizabeth, Jane, and Dorothy, all living, except Jane, who died in March, 1737-8.

Elizabeth, eldest daughter, Mary, second daughter, Thomas, eldest son, and Roger, youngest son of Sir Thomas, and dame Mary Grosvenor, before mentioned, all died young. Anne, who was a posthumous daughter of Sir Thomas Grosvenor, being born July 29, 1700, married in May, 1730, to the hon. William Lefevon Gower, brother to the R^t. hon. the lord Gower; she died Dec. 31, ætat. 32, leaving issue a daughter, named Catherine, then about the age of four months.

ARMS: 16 Coats, Quarterly, viz. 1. Azure, a Garb, Or; by the name of Grosvenor, who bear this Garb, from their ancestors, who were of consanguinity to the ancient earls of Chester. 2. Argent, two Cheverons, Gules, in a Canton of the second, a Cross Croslet, fitchè, Or; by the name of Mobberley. 3. Sable, a Stag, lodged, Argent, attired and unguled, Or; by the name of Downes. 4. Sable, a Cross Patonce, Argent; by the name of Pulford. 5. Azure, three Pheasants, close, Or; by the name of Pheasant. 6. Sable, and Argent, quarterwise, a Cross Patonce, Sable and Argent; by the name of Eton. 7. Vert, three Stocks, or Stumps of Trees, coupèd, and eradicated, Argent; by the name of Stockton. 8. Argent, a Bend, Sable, between three Ogresses, or Pellets, Sable; by the name of Cotton. 9. Sapphire, an Eagle, displayed, Pearl, armed Ruby; by the name of Rudware. 10. Gules, three Swords, in pale, Points, upwards, Argent, the Pumps.

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mels and Hilts, Or; by the name of Walsheof. 11. Or, five Eagles displayed, Sable, armed Ruby, a Canton, Ermine; by the name of Basing. 12. Argent, three Faulcons, close, Gules; by the name of Falconer. 13. Sable, three Owls, Or; by the name of Thurcaston. 14. Azure, two Barrs, Argent; by the name of Venables. 15. Or, Barry, Azure; by the name of Vernon. 16. Or, a Cheveron, between three Mulletts, Sable; by the name of Davies.

And the Coat of Warre, is, Gules, powdered, with Croffe Crosetts, fitchée, Argent, and Lion, rampant, Argent.

CREST: On a Wreath of the Colours, a Talbot, standing, Or.

MOTTO: *Nobilitatis, virtus, non stemma character.*

SEATS: *Eaton-Hall*, three Miles from *Chester*; *Halkin-Hall*, two Miles from *Flint*, and from *Hollywell*; *Swell-Court*, in *Com. Somerset*; *Wymondeley*, in *Com. Hertford*; and on *Millbank*, in *Westminster*, in *Com. Middlesex*.

62. BARKER, of Grimston-Hall, in Trimley, Suffolk.

(JOHN, ESQUIRE,)

Created BARONET, March 17, 1621.

THIS family has been long seated at Ipswich, in this county, and gave name to a street, called Barker-street, temp. Edward III.

A descendant of this lineage was, Robert Barker, of Ipswich, who, by Anne, daughter of — Bestney, of Cambridgeshire, Esq; had issue, Robert, his son and heir, burges for Ipswich, 1 Eliz. who, by a daughter of — Kempe, of Suffolk, Esq; had a son, John, who was also a burges of the same town, 26th and 30th of the said reign; who, by Willemina, his first wife, daughter and heir of John Bomart, of Brabant, merchant, had issue, three sons, and two daughters, 1. Sir Robert, 2. John, a colonel in the army, who, by —, daughter of — Withepoole, of Suffolk,

Suffolk, Esq; (by a daughter of the lord Wentworth,) left issue two daughters, (Dorothy, married to — Knowles, of Ken-thorp, in com. Warw. Esq; and Willemina, to — Girling;) and 3. William; 4. Margery, married to Thomas Clench, Esq; son and heir of John Clench, Esq; one of the justices of the King's-bench; and 5. Thomasina, married to Sir Robert Gardiner, of Suffolk, Knt. lord-deputy of Ireland. His second wife was, Anne, daughter of Henry Herdson, Esq; alderman of London, relict of George Stoddard, Esq; by whom he had a daughter, Abigail, married to Sir Edward Waterhouse, of Hallifax, in com. Ebor. Knt.

Sir Robert, his eldest son, served in parliament for the same town, 35 Eliz. He removed (the seat of the family,) to Grimston-hall, in the parish of Trimley St. Martin, eight miles south-east from Ipswich. He was made knight of the Bath, at the coronation of King James I. 1603, and married two wives; first, Judith, daughter of George Stoddard, of Mottingham, in Kent, Esq; by whom he had issue, John, Robert, (who died issueless,) and a daughter, Anne, married to Sir Arthur Jenney, of Knotishall, in Suffolk, Knt. His second wife was, Susanna, daughter of Sir John Crofts, of Saxham, in Suffolk, Knt. by whom he had a numerous issue of sons and daughters, and from whom is descended, Sir William Barker, of Bocking-hall, in Essex, Bart.

John Barker, of Grimston-hall, Esq; eldest son and heir of Sir Robert, was advanced to the dignity of a baronet, the 19th of Jac. I. He married Frances, daughter of Sir John Jermy, of Brightwell, in Suffolk, Knt. and died 1652, leaving issue, Sir John; Thomas, who married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Dudley Carleton, of Imber-court, in Surry, Knt. and Robert, who died without issue.

Sir John, eldest son and heir, married Winifrid, daughter of Sir Philip Parker, of Arwarton, in Suffolk, Knt. and died 1664, leaving issue, Sir Jermy, Sir John, and Robert, who married a daughter of Robert Marriot, of Bredfield, Esq; by whom he had two sons, and five daughters. Both the sons lost their lives in the service of Queen Anne, one in the army, the other in the navy.

Sir Jermy Barker, Bart. eldest son and successor, died unmarried; whereupon the title and estate, descended to his brother,

Sir John Barker, Bart. who married Bridget, daughter of Sir Nicholas Bacon, of Shrubland, knight of the Bath. He removed to Ipswich, and made that place again the residence of the family, for which borough he serv'd in several parliaments, temp. Car. II. Jac. II. Will. and Mary. He died, 1696, leaving issue, Sir William, and Grace, who married Mr. Philip Bacon, of Ipswich, grandson

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grandson to Sir Nicholas Bacon, of Shrubland, Knt. (his widow afterwards married John Ellis, Esq; barrister at law :) he was succeeded in dignity and estate by his only son,

Sir William Barker, Bart. who serv'd several times in parliament, for Ipswich, in the reign of Queen Anne, and in the reign of King George I. and II. as one of the knights of the shire for the county of Suffolk. He married twice; first, Mary, sole daughter of John Bence, of Heveningham, in Suffolk, Esq; (by Catherine, his wife, daughter of — Glemham, Esq; and granddaughter of the famous Sir Thomas Glemham, Knt. governor of Carlisle,) by whom he had issue one son, Sir John: this lady dying, Jan. 1, 1715-16; he married to his second lady, Feb. 9, 1731, Anne, relict of Edward Spencer, of Rendlesham, in Suffolk, Esq; and dying July 23 following, left no issue by her, and was succeeded in dignity and estate by his only son,

Sir John Barker, the present baronet, who married Oct. 28, 1740, Alice, the only daughter of the late Sir Comport Fytch, of Mount Markfall, in Eltham, in Kent, Bart. sister and heir to her brother, the late Sir William Fytch, Bart. by whom he has a son, John-Fytch, born July 25, 1741.

ARMS: Party per Fess, Nebule, Vert and Sable, three Martlets, Or; a Canton, Ermine.

CREST: On a Wreath of the Colours, a Bear sejant, Or, collar'd, Sable.

MOTTO: *Sic itur ad astra.*

SEAT: At *Grimston*, eight miles south-east from *Ipswich*, and at *Sproughton*, near *Ipswich*, both in *Suffolk*.

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63. G A G E, of Firle, Suffex.

(JOHN, ESQUIRE,)

Created BARONET, March 26, 1622.

BY the similitude of the name, it has been presumed that this family is branch'd from the Gaugi's (*a*), that were barons in parliament, so early as the reign of King Henry II. but how that appears is not evident.

The direct ancestor to the present Sir William Gage, is John Gage, Esq; mentioned in deeds, 9 Hen. IV. father to another John, who married Joan, daughter and coheir of John Sudgrove, of Sudgrove, in Gloucestershire, about 4 Henry V. in which year (*b*), the said John Sudgrove, gives to John Gage, Esq; and Joan, his wife, as also to John Bovey, and Alice, his wife, (the other daughter and coheir of the said John Sudgrove,) all his lands and tenements, in Mufarder, and Sudgrove, in the said parish, in com. Gloucest. which Joan, surviving her husband, did, with John Gage, her son, in 16 Henry VI. (*c*) settle lands and tenements, in Cirencester, Nether Sidington, Miffarder, and Brimsfield, in com. Gloucest. on William, lord Lovell, Sir William Trefham, and others.

The said John Gage, in 32 Hen. VI. purchased the lands that were John Bovey's, in Cirencester, Mifarder, Sidington, and Brimsfield, and made a further addition to his estate, by his marriage, with Eleanor, daughter and heir of Thomas St. Clere, Esq; lord of the manors of Alton, Clinton, in com. Bucks, and of Ospring, in Kent. son of Sir Philip St. Clere, of Aldham St. Clere, in the last mentioned county, and of Margaret, his wife, widow of Richard Chamberlayn, of Sherburn, in com. Oxon. Esq; and daughter to Sir Nicholas de Lovayn, Knt. lord of the manor of Burstow, or Bristow, and Hedgecourt, in com. Surr. in 44 Edw. III. (*d*) and sister and heir of Nicholas Lovayn, lord of Penshurst, in Kent. This John Gage, received the honour of knighthood, and departed this life on the 30th of September, in 26 Edw. IV. leaving two sons, William, and John Gage, ancestor to the Gages, of Rushton, in Northamptonshire.

The said William Gage, who was thirty years old at his father's decease, took to wife, Agnes, daughter to Thomas Bolney,

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Esq;

(*a*) Dugdale's baronage of England, vol. I. p. 678. (*b*) Ex chart. in stemmate hujus fam. penes Dom. Will. Gage, Bar.

(*c*) Cart. 20 Aug. 16 Hen. VI. in stemmate

præd. (*d*) Philpot's villare capitulum.

Esq; and resided at Bristow, in com. Surr. as his last testament shews, which bears date 14 Feb. 1496, in 12 Hen. VII. and the probat thereof, the 24th of October following (a), wherein he orders his body to be buried in the church of the Grey Fryers, in London, next unto the sepulcher of William Chamberlayn, Esq; and bequeaths to the said church, for his sepulture there to be had, and to the intent that the brethren thereof fetch his body to the earth, and sing a trental for his soul, xls.

‘ He moreover bequeaths to the church of Bristow, in Surry, for his tythes, forgotten, or negligently withholden, in discharge of his soul xxs. to the church of St. Ellyn’s, in London, vis. viiij. and the same sum to the ladies of the priory there, to be parted among them; as also the like legacies to Sir John Dampfell, Sir John Lyftre, and Sir Robert Water, priests.’ He was likewise bountiful to his servants, and a loving husband to his wife, for, ‘ He bequeaths her all his goods, &c. after his debts are paid, and costs of burial discharged, and that she should, during her life, enjoy the manors of Heyton, Sinclere, and Torryng, with the appurtenances, in Suffex; as also the manors of Bristow, and Hedge-court, in the county of Surry, and have the custody and rule of John Gage, his son and heir, during his nonage, on which account, she should receive the profits and revenues of all his other manors, lands, and tenements, in the counties of Surry, Bucks, and Kent, she finding the said John, honestly, and competently, with meat, drink, and rayment.’

Which John Gage, distinguished himself in a very extraordinary manner, both in a military, and civil capacity, and became one of the most famous men in the age he lived, whose great services are thus set forth, in an ancient manuscript, wrote by his third son, Robert Gage, of Haling, in Surry, viz.

‘ Sir John Gage, Knt. was, after his father’s death, in ward to W. Stafford, duke of Buckingham, and after his marriage to my mother, daughter of Sir Richard Guldeford, was preferred by the said duke, to King Henry VIIIth’s service, and distinguishing himself at the siege of Teroven (b), was thereupon made captain of the castle of Calais, (usually called Guynes,) shortly after was sent for home, and knighted, and made of the privy-council, vice-chamberlain, and captain of the guards; few years after, for service done on the borders of Scotland, at his return, was made comptroller of the household, and chancellor of the dutchy of Lancaster, in one day. In a few days after, he was made constable of the tower of London, and the next St. George’s feast, knight of the most noble order of the garter.

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(a) Ex testam. vocat. Hen. qui. testatur. prerog. Cant. Gage, frat. Dom. Guilliel. Gage, de Hengrave, Bar.

(b) Ex inform. Hen.

' At the winning of Bullogne, (36 Hen. VIII.) he was in joint
' commission with Charles, duke of Suffolk, lord-lieutenant of
' his majesty's camp, and for sundry services there, with Sir An-
' thony Browne, Knt. master of the horse, was made general
' captain of the bands of horsemen. After the death of our sove-
' reign lord, King Edw. VI. at the coming of Queen Mary, was
' made her lord-chamberlain. Thus having served in all these
' roomes and offices, truely, faithfully, and painfully, from the
' first year of the reign of our sovereign lord, Hen. VIII. of fa-
' mous memory, unto the fifth year of Queen Mary, untouch'd
' with any reproach or unfaithful service, at this time being
' seventy-seven years of age, he ended his life, in favour with his
' prince, at his own house at Firle, in Suffex.'

What I find of him farther is this, that (a) whilst he was cap-
tain of Guisnes, he performed many valiant acts in skirmishes,
&c. and in 21 Hen. VIII. he had for his services, a grant of the
wardship (b) and marriage of William Baynam, son and heir of
John Baynam, of Clowerwall, in Gloucestershire, Esq; and the
next year, being vice-chamberlain of the household, he had a
grant (c), to him, his heirs, and assigns, of the manors of Bore-
ham, Rokeland, Felton, Helynglee, Friston, and Exsett, in com.
Suffex; also the manor (d) of Stewton, with the appurtenances,
in com. Linc. in which year he was one of the knights (e) de-
puted by the parliament, who, with the two archbishops, and the
principal nobility and clergy of the realm, signed that memorable
letter to Pope Clement VII. desiring his holiness to comply with
the king in his divorce, threatening, that if he refused, (*considering
the two universities of England, the university of Paris, as well as
many others in France, and what almost all men of learning, know-
ledge, and integrity, both at home and abroad, have determined to be
true, and are ready to defend in their discourses and writings,*) they
can make no other construction of it, but that the care of them-
selves is committed to their own hands, and that they are left to
seek their remedy elsewhere. In 29 Henry VIII. he was sum-
moned, among those of the court, to be present at the christning
of Prince Edward (f), at Hampton-court. In 31 Hen. VIII. he
had, for his good services (g), a grant of the manor of Aclifon,
in Suffex, and the following year, being comptroller of the house-
hold, was also (b) constituted constable of the tower of London,
with a fee of 100 l. per ann. during his life, likewise 22d of May,
installed one of the knights companions of the most noble order
of the garter; in which year he was also appointed, chief steward
of

(a) Hall's chron. life Hen VIII. fol. 123, 127.

(b) Bille signate 6 Maii, 21

Hen. VIII. (c) Ibid. 12 April. 22 Hen. VIII. (d) Ib. 23 June. (e) Rymer's

fed. tom. XIV. p. 407 (f) Strype's memorials, vol. II. p. 5.

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date 14 Feb. 31 Hen. VIII.

(b) Pat. 32 Hen. VIII. p. 3.

of all the honours, castles, manors, &c. in com. Suffex, forfeited by the attainder of Thomas Cromwell, earl of Essex, with power to appoint a deputy, and the same day and year, had a grant of the stewardship of all the liberties, privileges, and franchises of the archbishop of Canterbury, and of all and singular lordships, manors, lands, &c. of the said archbishop, during the minority of Henry, lord Bergaveny. In (a) 34 Henry VIII. he was a principal commander in the expedition made into Scotland; and the monastery of Combewell, alias Comwell, with the possessions thereunto belonging, in com. Kanc. (b) was granted him for his services; and in the following year, the king authorizes Sir John Gage, comptroller of his household, to keep and retain in his service, from time to time, forty persons, over and above his usual attendance (c). He was then employ'd as one of the ambassadors for concluding a peace with Scotland (d), which was brought to an end, the first day of October, at Newcastle; thereupon, he was soon after in two commissions with the lord Audley, lord-chancellor, Thomas, duke of Norfolk, lord-treasurer, Stephen, bishop of Winchester, Thomas, bishop of Westminster, and William, lord St. John, the one for redeeming and ransoming prisoners, between England, and Scotland, the other for concluding (e) a treaty of marriage between his son, Prince Edward, and Mary, the Scotch queen.

He was much in favour with King Henry VIII. who shewed his esteem of him, in causing his picture to be drawn, (among other his warriors and favourites) by the famous Hans Holben, to adorn his court-gallery, which yet remains in the possession of the crown. His majesty also left him a legacy of 200l. in his last testament, and therein appointed him (f), with the earls of Arundel, Essex, &c. to be of council, and aiding and assisting to his executors, and his son, Prince Edward, for the good estate and prosperity of the realm.

In the reign of King Edward VI. his style among the knights of the garter (g) is, *Du tres valiant Chr. Mons. John Gage, constable de la towre de Londres, & Chr. de l'ordre de la jarritiere*; and in 1 and 2 Philip and Mary, thus, *Du tres valiant Mess. John Gage, Chr. du tres noble ordre de la jarritiere, chamblayne de la maison de la royne nre souveraigne & constable de la tours de Londres*.

He was lord-chamberlain of the household, and constable of the tower of London, at the time of his decease, and tho' in a very advanc'd age, he retained a sound judgment to the last, as his testament shews, which bears date (b) 20th of Feb. 1555, and the

(a) Hall's chron. fo. 254, b. (b) Privat. sigil. 26 April. 34 Hen. VIII. (c) Ib. 22 May. 35 Hen. VIII. (d) Rymer's fœd. tom. XIV. p. 786. (e) Ib. p. 792. (f) Ib. tom. XV. p. 177. (g) E Lib. MS. de vit. Mil. Gart. in museo Ashm. nota. 1118. (b) Ex regist. vocat. Kitchin. qu. 9.

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probat thereof, the 10th of June following ; wherein, ' He wills
' his body to be buried in the parish church of West-Firle, (near
' unto the place where his wife lieth,) with such moderate fune-
' ral expences as are used for personage of his calling and degree ;
' also that xls. be distributed in alms, to poor people that shall
' come thither, by vid. doles, and xl. ls. to xl. parishes ; for the pay-
' ment whereof, he orders his executors to sell his collar of gold
' of the order of the garter ; but his blue mantle of the order, he
' presents to the college of Windsor.

' He further wills, that the profits and revenues ' of the parso-
' nage of Ascham, in com. Salop. of the yearly value of 111. 5s.
' should be applied (except 41. per ann. which he gives to the
' vicar,) for the maintenance of a chantry in West-Firle, for
' evermore, charging his executors to prepare a convenient
' and decent place in the church for that end, and find a
' priest to minister divine service, for evermore, and pray
' principally for the queen's highness, and for her most noble pro-
' genitors, heirs and successors, and then for him, the said Sir
' John Gage, and Philippa, his wife, his ancestors, and all chri-
' stian soules ; which chantry-priest, and his successors, being o-
' bedient and serviceable to his heirs and successors, should have
' meat, drink, and lodging, in his mansion-house of West-
' Firle.

' He moreover wills, that the parson of the parish-church of
' Crabhous, in Norfolk, should have the tythe of a certain field,
' called Peterfield, part of the said demains of Crabhous, the
' said parson, or vicar, and their successors, praying for him by
' name, in their parish-church, at high mass-time, every Sunday,
' for evermore.

' He bequeaths many legacies to his servants, and appoints
' Edward Gage, his son and heir, and John Carrell, Esq; execu-
' tors, giving to the former, all his plate, jewels, ready money,
' goods, &c. in full trust and confidence that he maintain, and
leave the same to John Gage, his son and heir apparent, or if he
die before him, to such his heir male as shall enjoy his mansion-
house, at Firle, that he may thereby be able, with the said stock,
furniture of his house, and revenue of his lands, to maintain and
keep hospitality, without which stock and store of household-stuff,
(a schedule whereof is annexed,) he fears they will be greatly hin-
dered in their living, and not able to furnish his house without
danger of decay, the which he charges his said son, Edward Gage,
always to provide for and foresee, as his trust and hope has always
been in him.

This Sir John Gage, was buried (according to his desire,) at
West-Firle, the 28th of April, 1556, and by the order of his said
son, Edward, a goodly tomb of jasper-stone and marble, is erected
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to his memory, and thereon the effigies, in full proportion, of a knight of the garter, in armour, in his collar of SS and George, as also, his lady, in the dress of the times, both lying on their backs, with their hands elevated; at his feet, a ram, at her's, the crest of her family, and underneath, the 25th verse of the 19th chapter of Job, and against them, on a brass plate in the wall, (under the arms, in a garter) is this inscription, in Roman capitals:

His jacet Jhes Gage, preclari Ordinis Garterii, Miles, quondam Constabularius Turris London. Cellarius Ducatus Lancastrie, Dominus Camerarius Hospicii Regine Marie, ac vnus de privato Concilio ejusdem Regine, & Philippa, Uxor ejus, qui obierunt Anno Dni 1556, quorum Animabus propitiatur Deus.

This Sir John Gage, had by his said wife, Phillippa, (daughter to Sir Richard Guldeford, one of the knights of the garter) four sons, Edward, James, Robert, and William, as also four daughters, Alice, married to Sir Anthony Brown, knight of the garter, Anne, to John Thatcher, the elder, of Preisthaws, in com. Suff. Esq; —, wife of Jennings, and —, wedded to William Baynam, of Clowerwall, in com. Gloucest. Esqrs. Of Edward Gage, his eldest son, I shall treat hereafter: James Gage, second son, was seated at Bentley, in Suffex, whose descendants flourish'd likewise at Wormsley, in com. Heref. but the male issue of this line extinguish'd in the person of Henry Gage, Esq; who died A. D. 1718. Robert Gage, third son, was seated at Haling, in com. Surry, and left two sons, Robert, that died in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, for the cause of Mary, queen of Scots, and John Gage, of Haling, Esq; father, among others, to the famous colonel, Sir Henry Gage, Knt. who, during the rebellion in the reign of King Charles I. was governor of Oxford, and twice relieved Basinghouse, fighting his way through the enemy, with notable advantage, but in the end, was unfortunately killed, at Cullum-bridge, A. D. 1644, aged forty-seven years, being shot thro' the heart with a musquet-ball; lord Clarendon, gives this character of him (a), 'He was, in truth, a very extraordinary man, of a large and very graceful person, of an honourable extraction, his grandfather, (*great grandfather, it should be,*) having been knight of the garter: besides his great experience and abilities, as a soldier, which were very eminent, he had very great parts of breeding, being a very good scholar in the polite parts of learning, a great master in the Spanish and Italian tongues, besides the French and the Dutch, which he spoke in great perfection, having scarce been in England, in twenty years be-

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(a) Clarendon's hist. rebell. 8vo vol. IV. p. 527, and 554.

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fore. He was likewise very conversant in courts, having for many years, been much esteem'd in that of the arch-duke, and dutchefs, Albert, and Isabella, at Brussels; which was a great and very regular court at that time; so that he deserved to be looked upon as a wise and accomplish'd person. Of this gentleman, the lords of the council had a singular esteem, and consulted frequently with him, whilst they look'd to be besieg'd, and thought Oxford to be the more secure, for his being in it. The king sustain'd a wonderful loss in his death, he being a man of great wisdom and temper, and one among the very few soldiers, who made himself to be universally lov'd and esteem'd. He was buried in Christ-church cathedral, in Oxford, being attended to the grave by (a) Prince Rupert, the duke of Richmond, the lord-treasurer, the lord-chamberlain, secretaries, comptroller, the lords of the privy-council, and most of the nobility and gentry in Oxford, and most of the great commanders, with the vice-chancellor, and mayor of Oxford, with their several trains, the heralds at arms, &c. having this inscription over him (b):

P. M. S.

Hic situs est Militum Chiliarcha

Henricus Gage, Eques Auratus, Filius ac

Hæres Johannis Gage, de Haling, in Agro

Surienti Armigeri, pronepos Johis Gage,

Honoratissimi Ordinis Periscelidis Equitis,

In Belgio meruit supra Annos XX. in

Omni Prælio, & Obsidione Berghæ ad

Zomam, Bredæ, ac præcipue S. Audomari; ex

Belgio ad M. Britt. Regem missus, attulit armorum

VII. M. Missus cum imperio Bastalii Ædes

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Desperata, Suppetias tulit. Castrum Bam-

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Liberavit, hinc Equestri dignitate Or-

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Ad Culhami pontem in hostes jam tertio

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Glande occubuit die xi Jan. 1644.

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lorem testati ex desiderio Viri, ingenio lin-

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Amore in principem, & patriam eminentissimi.

Hanc memoriæ Epitomen, posuit illi pietas mcer. lug. q; fratris

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On

(a) Life of Sir Henry Gage, Knt. 4to. p. 22. where, see the history of the life and actions of this great man, at large.

(b) Le Neve's Monumenta Anglicana, vol. I, p. 217.

On a small stone under the monument :

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The fourth son of Sir John, was, William, who died S. P. Edward Gage, beforementioned, (eldest son and heir of Sir John,) was made one of the knights of the Bath, by Queen Mary, in the life-time of his father. He was a pious, sober, judicious gentleman, as appears by his last will, dated at Firle, 17 Dec. 1566, when he was in perfect health, and lived upwards of two years after.

By which testament, ' He bequeaths his body to be buried in the parish church of Firle, and that two-penny dole be distributed to such poor people as would resort to his burial; also that his executors cause several sums of money, therein named, to be given to poor householders, of many adjoining parishes.

' He further wills, that his executors provide a decent stone to lie on his good father and mother, with the pictures of them, and all their children, with these holy words engraven on brass, *Credo quod redemptor meus vivit, et in novissimo die de terra surrecturus sum, et in carne mea videbo Deum salvatorem meum.* Likewise that they provide a decent gravestone, to lie on him and his wife, all his sons to be kneeling behind him, and all his daughters behind her, with the same holy words to be engraven on brass.

' He gives to his well-beloved wife, Elizabeth, her dwelling in his mansion-house, at Firle, as long as she remains a widow, and leaves her the charge of bringing up all her children, except his heir apparent.' And forasmuch (as he words it) that God had pleas'd to send him a gentle and loving wife, which hath long been coupled with him, and meaning to provide as well for the better maintenance of her, as for the bringing up and finding maintenance for her children, ' He leaves her several lands, all her jewels, and three chains of gold she has usually worn; bequeathing likewise to his daughters, Margery, Lucy, and Margaret, every of them, 500 marks, at the day of their marriage, and to his daughter, Phillippa, in consideration of her being the eldest, and for other reasons, 500l. and 10l. yearly for their maintenance, till they receive it; also the like annuity of 10l. per ann. to his sons, Anthony, Thomas, George, Edward, Richard, John, the younger, and Robert Gage, the payment whereof, he orders out of the rents of his manors and lands in Heighton, Firls, Hosiers, Hollandale, Compton, Exsett, Fryston, Lamporte, and Egington, or elsewhere, in the county of Suffex; as also his manor of Crabhouse, in Norfolk, and his lands there and in West-Dorcham, or elsewhere in the

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‘ said county, except those appointed to descend to his heir, by
 ‘ course of inheritance, and excepting all such estates before be-
 ‘ queathed to Elizabeth, his wife ; which said manors, after his
 ‘ debts, legacies &c. are paid, he entails on John Gage, his son
 ‘ and heir, and in default of issue male, on his other sons, ac-
 ‘ cording to their seniority, and for lack of such issue of them,
 ‘ on James Gage, his brother, and in default, on Robert, and
 ‘ William Gage, his brothers, and in default of issue male of
 ‘ them, to such of his sons daughters, and their issue male.

‘ The residue of all his goods, plate, jewels, ready money,
 ‘ household-stuff, &c. he bequeaths to his eldest son, John Gage,
 in full trust and confidence, that he will maintain, preserve, and
 leave the same to his son and heir, and if he die, to the next heir
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 like charge, leaves it to such heir male : whereby he may be able,
 with the said stock and furniture of his house and land, to main-
 tain and keep hospitality, to serve God, his prince, and the com-
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 in his living, and not like to be able to keep his house, without
 great danger and decay, the which he charges his said son, John
 Gage, always to provide for and foresee, as his hope and trust is
 in him. ‘ He likewise wills and requires, and in God’s name,
 ‘ charges his said sons and brothers, and every of the heirs of
 ‘ their bodies, to be satisfied and contented with this his last te-
 ‘ stament, and not without great necessities and urgent cause, to
 ‘ violate, infringe, or break it.’

This Sir Edward Gage (a), died on the 27th of December,
 1568, and was buried the 19th of January following, at Firle,
 with his ancestors, and an altar-tomb of stone and marble, is e-
 rected to his memory, according to his request. He had, by Eliza-
 beth, his wife, daughter of John Parker, of Willingdon, in Suffex,
 Esq; (and of Joan, his wife, daughter of Sir Richard Sackville, of
 Buckhurst, in Suffex, Knt.) other children beside those mentioned
 in his will: (Edward, one of his sons, was born, 19th of April, 1539,
 and Henry, born 16th of Oct. 1553, died 29 July, 1555, also,
 Ant. “, born 25 June, 1540, who was living at the time his
 father “ his last testament, and died 31 Jan. 1567.) Of the
 daughters, Agnes, born 16th Jan. 1547, was married, in her
 father’s life-time, 19 Nov. 1566, to Ed. Stradling, Esq; who was
 afterwards knighted, and the ancestor to the late Sir Thomas
 Stradling, of St. Donats, in Glamorganshire, Bart. Philippa,
 second daughter, wedded to Edmund Saunders, Esq; Mary,
 born 18 Sept. 1550, married to James Thatcher, Esq; Margery,
 born 5th of June, 1552, betrothed 17 Nov. 1569, to Anthony
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(a) Ex autog. penes Dom. W. Gage, Bar.

Kemp, Esq; and Margaret, youngest daughter, born 28 June, 1559, was the wife of Henry Darell, Esq;

John Gage, Esq; eldest son, and heir apparent, was thirty (a) years of age at his father's decease, and heir to fifteen manors, besides divers messuages, lands, &c. in Suffex, as also the manors of Hedge-court, and Burston, in Surry, and Crabhouse, in Norfolk. He married two wives, but left no issue by either of them, and outliving all his brethren, the estate descended to his nephew, John Gage, Esq; son and heir of his brother, Thomas. He lies buried at Firle, under an altar-tomb of alabaster and marble, adjoining to Sir Edward's, his father, on the top whereof, are the portraitures, in brass, of a gentleman in armour, between his two wives, in the dress of the times, with the like verse, in the same chapter of Job, underneath; and over them, in the wall, this inscription, in Roman characters:

Hic jacet Johes Gage, Armiger, & duæ Uxores ejus,
Elizabetha, & Margaretta, qui obierunt Anno Dni
Milessimo quingentesimo nonagesimo quinto, quorum
Animabus propitiatur Deus.

The said Thomas Gage, his brother, born 27 January, 1541, took to wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Thomas Guldeford, Knt. and deceasing in the year 1590, was buried with his ancestors, at Firle, as a grave-stone shews, whereon are the figures, in brass, of a gentleman in armour, with his wife by him; as also the effigies of a son and two daughters, infants, kneeling, in a praying posture, and underneath them, this memorial:

Hic jacet Thomas Gage, Armiger, et Uxor
Ejus Elizabetha, qui obierunt Anno Domini
Milessimo Quingentesimo Nonagesimo, qui
Habuerunt unum Filium et duas Filias,
Quorum Animabus propitiatur Deus.

His two daughters were, Mary, the wife of Sir Thomas Porlage, Knt. and Elizabeth, of Grisaker More, Esq;

His only son, John Gage, Esq; succeeding his uncle, before-mentioned, at Firle, &c. took to wife, Penelope, widow and relict of Sir George Trenchard, of Wolverton, in Dorsetshire, Knt. and third daughter and coheir to Thomas Darcy, earl Rivers, and of Mary, his wife, daughter and coheir of Sir Thomas Kitson, of Hengrave, in com. Suff. Knt. This lady, Penelope, was a great beauty, but seventeen years of age when she was left a widow, and became a very great fortune, for the lady, her mother, left her the whole inheritance of the Kitsons, and she shared that of the Darcy's: her husband, John Gage, Esq; was, after his marriage,

(a) Coles Esq. lib. 5. p. 432, 433, MS. in bibl. Harley.

riage, advanced to the dignity of a baronet, by letters patents, bearing date the 26th of March, 1622, and departing this life the 3d of October, 1633, was interr'd with his ancestors, at Firle. His lady surviving him, was afterwards wife to Sir William Hervey, of Ickworth, in the county of Suffolk, Knt. but had issue only by Sir John Gage, viz. five daughters, whereof, Frances, was married, first, to Sir William Tresham, of Rushton, in com. Northamp. Bart. and secondly, to George Gage, Esq; Penelope, wife of Henry Merry, of Barton, in com. Derby. Esq; Elizabeth, to Sir Thomas Petre, of Cranham, in com. Essex; and Anne, to Henry Petre, Esq; fifth son of William, lord Petre; also four sons, Sir Thomas Gage, his successor; 2. John Gage, of Stoneham, in Suffolk, Esq; who died without issue; 3. Edward Gage, Esq; who had his mother's inheritance, at Hengrave, in Suffolk, was knighted, and created a baronet by K. Cha. II. of whom, in his proper place. Henry Gage, Esq; fourth son of Sir John Gage, of Firle, Bart. (and youngest brother to the said Sir Edward,) took to wife, Henrietta Jermyn, daughter to Thomas, lord Jermyn, of Rushbrook, in Suffolk, and sister and coheir to Henry Jermyn, earl of Dover, by whom he had, Mary, a nun, and one son, John Gage, of Princethorpe, in Norfolk, Esq;

Sir Thomas Gage, of Firle, Bart. (eldest son and heir of Sir John,) died about the year 1655, and having wedded Mary, eldest daughter and coheir of John Chamberlain, of Sherburn, in com. Oxon. Esq; (who, surviving him, was remarried to Sir Henry Goring, of Burton, in Suffex, Bart. and dying, 1694, was buried at Burton,) had issue four daughters, Frances, married to Sir Charles Yates, of Buckland, in com. Berks, Bart. Mary, to Anthony Kemp, of Slingdon, in Suffex, Esq; Catherine, to Walter, lord Aston, of Tixhall, in Staffordshire, and —, to — Payne, of Suffex, Esq; also four sons, 1. Sir Thomas Gage, Bart. his successor; 2. Sir John, whose marriage and issue, will be mentioned hereafter; 3. Henry, who died S. P. 4. Joseph Gage, Esq; who had his mother's inheritance, at Sherburn, and likewise a very great estate with his wife, Elizabeth, daughter of George Penruddock, of the county of Southampton, Esq; who was heir to her brothers, and died 5 December, 1693: he had by her two sons, Thomas, lord viscount Gage, of High-Meadow, in com. Gloucester. in right of his wife, —, daughter and heir of Benedict Hall, of the same place, Esq; and Joseph Gage, Esq; now living; also two daughters, Elizabeth, the wife of John Weston, of Sutton, in Surry, Esq; and Anne, married to Richard Beeling, alias Arundel, Esq; (son and heir of Sir Richard Beeling, Knt.) who assumed the name, and enjoy'd the estate of Arundel, of Langherne, in com. Cornub. and left two daughters, his coheirs, Frances, married

ried to Sir John Gifford, of Burstall, in com. Leicest. Bart. (and now his relict) and Mary, married to the hon. Mr. Arundell, eldest son to the lord Arundell, of Wardour.

Sir Thomas Gage, Bart. eldest son and successor to his father, died unmarried, at Rome, in his travels, Nov. 22, 1660, and in the chapel of the English college there, on a white marble grave-stone, is this inscription for him (a) :

D. O. M.
 Thomae Gagio, Equiti,
 Baronetto Anglo Suffexiensi,
 Patre Honoribus ac Nominibus
 Matre Nobilitate pari
 Maria Tankervilla,
 Alias Camberlana, nato
 Familiae non magis
 Generis Claritate,
 Quam perpetua Fidei Catholicae
 Constantia illustris
 Principi,
 Qui in ipso ætatis Flore,
 Ipsoque in almam Urbem ingressu
 Deo Animam Corpus Terrae
 Inter Cives suos tradidit
 xxii Novembris, Anno Dni MDCLX.
 Johannes Gagius, Eques
 Baronettus carissimo Fratri,
 Maerens posuit.

He was succeeded in dignity and estate by his brother,

Sir John Gage, Bart. who took to wife, first, Mary, daughter of Thomas Middlemore, of Egbaſton, in com. Warw. Esq; and on her decease, 28 July, 1686, married, secondly, Mary, daughter of Sir William, and sister of Sir Rowland Stanley, of Hooton, in Cheshire, Bart. he had by the former, three sons, and seven daughters, whereof only two daughters surviv'd, and became his coheirs, viz. Mary, married to Sir John Shelley, Bart. father of the present Sir John, and Bridget, matched with Thomas Bellafys, lord viscount Fauconberg, and died Nov. 18, 1732; being mother of the present lord. This Sir John, by his last wife, had one daughter, Mary, wedded to Henry, lord Tenham, (and deceased without issue,) likewise three sons, Sir John, Sir Thomas, and Sir William. Sir John, the father, dying May 27, 1699, in the fifty-eighth year of his age, was succeeded in dignity and estate, by his eldest son.

Sir John Gage, Bart. who, departing this life in January, 1699, aged about eight years, was succeeded by Sir Thomas, his next brother.

Which

(a) Ex Autog. Ric. Rawlinson, LL.D.

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Which Sir Thomas Gage, Bart. travelling in France, for his further accomplishment, died there, in October, 1713, in the twentieth year of his age, and was interr'd at Blaye, in the province of Guinne, whereupon the title of baronet, and a great estate, devolv'd on his only brother, the present Sir William Gage, Bart.

Which Sir William Gage, of Firle, Bart. born in the year 1695, was elected in the last parliament of King George I. a member of parliament for the town of Seaford, in Suffex; for which place he has serv'd ever since; and on the 17th of July, 1725, was installed one of the knights-companions of the most honourable order of the Bath. He is as yet unmarried.

ARMS: Gyronny of four, Azure and Argent, a Saltire, Gules.

CREST: On a Wreath, a Ram, passant, Argent, armed, main'd, &c. Or.

SUPPORTERS: Two dunn Greyhounds, collar'd, Or.

MOTTO: *Courage sans peur.*

SEAT: At *Firle*, near *Lewes*, in *Suffex*.

64. PRIDEAUX, of Netherton, Devonshire.

(EDMUND, ESQUIRE,)

Created BARONET, July 17, 1622.

THE name of Prideaux, is of undoubted antiquity in the counties of Cornwall, and Devon; their first residence was at Prideaux-castle, in the first named county, where we find that (a) Paganus de Prideaux, was seized of it, at the Norman conquest, whose son, Richard, died, anno 1122, to whom succeeded, Baldwin Prideaux, who died 1165; his son, Nicholas, lord of Prideaux, died 1169, and left twins, Richard, and Herden: to Herden, his father gave all his lands in Devonshire, which he greatly increased, by marrying the daughter and heir of Ralph Orcharton, of Orcharton, in the parish of Modbury, in com. Devon. but of him, more hereafter.

Richard, son of Richard, lord of Prideaux, died 1250, his son, Baldwin, was lord of Prideaux, to whom succeeded Thomas, lord of Prideaux, who married the daughter of Sir Philip Bodrigan, Knt. his son, Robert, gave certain lands in Frank-Allmoigne, to the priory of Trewardrith; his brother, Galfrid, succeeded him,

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(a) From edit, 1727, as then sent by the family.

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him, and left issue, Roger, who was succeeded by Richard, lord of Prideaux, who died 3 Ed. III. in this family, Prideaux-castle continued, till temp. Hen. VI. when it went away with a daughter and heir, married to Thomas Herle, of West-Herle, in the county of Northumberland, Esq;

Herden Prideaux, before-mentioned, who married (*a*) the heiress of Orcharton, had issue, Sir Jeffery Prideaux, of Orcharton, Knt. who was succeeded by Ralph, his son, who married the daughter of Sir William Bigberry, of Bigberry, in com. Devon, Knt. and left issue, Roger, who married Catherine, daughter and heir of Hugh, son and heir of Sir Walter Treverbian, Knt. and had issue, Roger, who married Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Sir John Clifford, Knt. and was chosen one of the knights of the shire, for the county of Devon (*b*), temp. Edw. III. by her he had, John Prideaux, of Orcharton, created knight-banneret (*c*), who bore supporters to his arms, viz. two knights-templers, habited proper; and was several times chosen knight of the shire, for Devon: he married the daughter of Roger Mortimer (*d*), earl of March, by whom he had, Piercy Prideaux, of Orcharton, also made knight-banneret (*e*), who married Isabella, daughter of William Montacute, earl of Salisbury; and king of the Isle of Man, and had issue, Roger, and Sir John, of whom hereafter.

Orcharton, continued for a great many generations, in the line of Roger, but the estate was very much hurt by a duel, that happened near Modbury, between (*f*) Sir John Prideaux, son of Sir Roger, and Sir William Bigberry, wherein the latter was kill'd, and Sir John Prideaux, was forc'd to part with several considerable manors (*g*), to save his life, being of the party against Henry IV.—There are several monuments belonging to the Prideaux family, in Modbury-church, of stone, and marble, which were sadly defaced in the last civil war.

Sir John Prideaux, Knt. second son of Sir Piercy Prideaux, of Orcharton, knight-banneret, had a considerable estate given him by his father, on his marriage with Joan, daughter and sole heir of Gilbert Adeston, of Adeston, in the county of Devon, Esq; by whom he had, Giles Prideaux, of Adeston, who married the daughter and heir of — Gunstone, and was succeeded by Sir John Prideaux, of Adeston, Knt. who had three wives; 1. Joan, daughter and heir of Nicholas Bromford, of Bromford, in Devon; 2. a daughter of — French, and 3. a daughter of John Shepton; and was succeeded by William Prideaux, of Adeston, who had

(*a*) Ex inform. Dom. Jo. Prideaux, Bar. (*b*) Ibid. (*c*) Ibid. (*d*) Ibid. (*e*) Ibid. (*f*) Prince's worthies of Devon. p. 507. (*g*) Sir John Prideaux, who kill'd his kinsman, Sir William Bigberry, at the five crosses, near Modbury, parted with the manors of Colm-John, Coningham-head, Stoking-head, Godford, Halscomb-Dean, Newton, and Popelsford, and their demeasnes, to obtain his pardon. Leland's Itin. vol. III. p. 28. and Risdon's Devon, vol. II. p. 243.

had two wives; first, Alice, daughter and heir of Stephen Giffard, of Thewborough, in com. Devon; and secondly, a daughter of John Fortescue, Esqrs; by the last he had no issue, but by the first, he had issue, Sir Fowke Prideaux, who likewise married twice; first, Joan, daughter of Sir Richard Edgecombe, Knt. by whom he had no issue; secondly, Catherine, daughter of Sir Humphry Poynts, of Langley, in com. Devon, Knt. He removed from his seat of Adeston, and settled at Thewborough, and was succeeded by his son, Humphry Prideaux, of Thewborough, and Adeston, who also had two wives; first, Jane, daughter of Richard Fowell, of Fowelscombe, in com. Devon, Esq; 2. Edith, daughter of William Hutch, of Aller, in com. Devon. By his first wife, he left issue, Sir Richard Prideaux, of Thewborough, and Adeston, Knt. who married Catherine, daughter of John Arundel, of Trerice, in Cornwall, Esq; and had issue, William, and Roger Prideaux, of Soldon, Esq; who was in considerable employments, and high sheriff of Devonshire, the beginning of Queen Elizabeth's reign; he very much improved his fortune by considerable purchases of land, both in Devon, and Cornwall: and married Philippa, daughter of Sir Richard York, Knt. serjeant at law, and had issue two sons, Nicholas, ancestor to the Prideaux's, of Soldon, and Edmond.

Which Edmond, 'studied the law in the Inner-temple (a), 'where he contented not himself with the formalities of a student, 'that is, with gown, cap, and commons in the hall, but so diligently applied his business, that he became very eminent for his 'skill and learning in that profession, so that in 40 Eliz. he was 'autumn-reader of his house, and 6 Jac. I. he became treasurer 'of the same, and in the thirteenth of the same reign, he was 'double reader: he made a great figure in the law, and raised a large estate in the counties of Devon, and Cornwall; and was, by King James I. advanced to the dignity of a baronet. He married three wives; first, Bridget, daughter of Sir John Chichester, of Raleigh, in com. Devon, Knt. by whom he had three daughters, Tabitha, married to Thomas Aylworth, of Cornwall, Esq; Sarah, to John Fortescue, of Fallow-pit, in Devon, Esq; and Admonition, to John Moyle, of Bake, in Cornwall, Esq;

Sir Edmond's second wife was, Catherine, daughter of Piers Edgecombe, of Mount Edgecombe, Esq; by whom he left two sons, Sir Peter, his successor, of whom hereafter, and Edmond Prideaux, of Ford-Abby, Esq; This gentleman, was bred to the law, and 'of so great reputation (b), as well for zeal to religion, as skill in the law, 'tis not strange, he was chosen a member of that which was called the long parliament, wherein he

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(a) Prince's worthies of Devon, p. 507.

(b) Ibid. p. 509.

became a very leading man ; for, striking in with the prevail-
 party of those times, (though he never joined with them in set-
 ting upon the life of his sovereign) he grew up to great wealth
 and dignity : he was made commissioner to the great seal (a),
 worth 1500l. per ann. and by ordinance of parliament, did
 practice within the bar, as one of the king's council, worth
 5000l. per ann. after that, he was attorney-general, worth
 what he pleased to make it, and then, post-master-general for
 all the inland letters, which, at six-pence the letter, as they
 went in those days, was worth 15000l. per ann. from all which
 rich employments, he acquired a great estate, and among other
 things, purchased the abbey of Ford, lying in the parish of
 Thorncombe, in Devon, where he built a noble new house,
 out of the ruins of the old, which he left unto Edmond Pri-
 deaux, Esq; his only son, by his second wife, the daughter and
 coheir of — Every, of Cottey, in Somerset, Esq; (for, his
 first wife, the daughter of — Collins, of Ottery St. Mary, in
 Devon, died without issue,) which Edmond, by Amy, his wife,
 daughter and coheir of John Fraunces, of Combeflory, in So-
 merfetshire, Esq; had issue, Elizabeth, married to John Speke,
 of White-Lackington, in com. Somerset. Esq; who died with-
 out issue, and Margaret, his only surviving daughter, married,
 1690, unto Francis Gwyn, of Lanfanor, in Glamorganshire,
 Esq; member in several parliaments for the city of Wells, by
 whom she had several children, whose eldest surviving son and
 heir, Francis Gwyn, of Ford-abbey, Esq; now living, hath mar-
 ried a sister of Thomas Pitt, of Boconnock, in Cornwall, Esq; by
 whom he hath as yet no issue.

Sir Edmond Prideaux, Bart. beforementioned, married to his
 third lady, Mary, daughter of Richard Reynell, of East-Ogwell,
 and relict of Arthur Fowell, of Fowelscombe, both in com. De-
 von, Esqrs. by whom he left no issue. Sir Edmond, died at Ne-
 therton, and lieth interred in the parish church of Farway, in
 com. Devon, unto whose memory is there erected, a fair monu-
 ment, adorned with divers coats of arms, and in a table whereof,
 is this inscription (b):

In Memory of Sir Edmond Prideaux, Baronet, who
 died the 28th of March, Anno } Domini, 1628.
 } Ætatis suæ, 74.

Sir Peter Prideaux, Bart. his eldest son and successor, married
 Susanna, daughter of Sir Anthony Poulet, Knt. sister of John,
 the first lord Poulet, of Hinton St. George, by whom he had three
 sons,

(a) Prince, *ibid.* who quotes for his places and value, a pamphlet entitled, *The Names of such Members of the House of Commons as held Offices, civil and military, contrary to their self-denying Ordinance*, of April 3, 1645.

(b) Prince, *ibid.* p. 309.

sons, Edmund, and John, who both died unmarried before their father; and Sir Peter, his successor; also two daughters, Margaret, married to Thomas Drew, of the Grange, in com. Devon, Esq; and Mary; and dying in the year 1682, was succeeded in dignity and estate, by his youngest son,

Sir Peter Prideaux, Bart. who married the lady Elizabeth Granville, daughter of the immortal Sir Bevil Granville, of Stow, in Cornwall, Knt. and sister to John, earl of Bath, (all the children of Sir Bevil, were ennobled, and to take place and precedence as earls daughters, by the patent to John, earl of Bath,) by whom he had issue four sons, Sir Edmond, his successor, Peter, fellow of All-Souls college, Oxford, John, who married Anne, daughter and heir of Humphry Prideaux, of Seldon, in Devon, Esq; and Roger, who died S. P. also several daughters; of which, —, married Sir William Drake, of Ath, in Devon, Bart. and another, the rev. Mr. Harwood. Sir Peter, dying in Nov. 1705, was succeeded in dignity and estate, by his eldest son,

Sir Edmond Prideaux, Bart. who represented the borough of Tregony, in Cornwall, in the last parliament of Q. Anne, and first of K. George I. He married three wives; first, Susanna, daughter of James Winstanley, of Branston, in com. Leicest. Esq; relict of — Austin, of Durhams, in Middlesex, Esq; by whom he had two sons, and a daughter, viz. Sir Edmond, his successor, and Peter, who married twice; first, Susanna, widow of Richard Coffin, Esq; and daughter of — Kellond, Esq; by whom he had a daughter and heir, Susanna, married to Charles Evelyn, Esq; second son of Sir John Evelyn, Bart. secondly, Dorothea, eldest daughter of Clement Pettit, of Dentyleon, in the Isle of Thanet, in Kent, Esq; by whom he had no issue, and died before his elder brother, Sir Edmond; Susanna, the daughter, was the first wife of Phineas Cheek, Esq; Sir Edmond's second lady was, Elizabeth, (a) daughter and coheir of George Saunderson, of Thoresby, in the county of Lincoln, Esq; and granddaughter of Nicholas Saunderson, lord viscount Castleton, by whom he had only one child, Sir John; successor to his brother: his third wife was, Mary, daughter of Spencer Vincent, Esq; alderman of London, relict of Sir John Rogers, of Wisdom, in com. Devon, Bart. by whom he had no issue; and dying, Feb. 1719, was succeeded in dignity and estate by his eldest son, by the first marriage.

Sir Edmond Prideaux, Bart. who married two wives (b); first, Mary, daughter of Samuel Reynardson, of Hillingdon, in Middlesex, Esq; by whom he had only one daughter, Mary, married to James Winstanley, of Branston, near Leicester, Esq; his second wife was, Anne, daughter of Philip Hawkins, of Pennans, in Cornwall, Esq; by whom he left only one daughter, Anne, married to John Pendarvis Bassett, of Treheady, in Cornwall, Esq;

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(a) Ex infor. Dom. Jo. Prideaux, Bar.

(b) Ex infor. Dom. Ed. Prideaux, Bar.

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who died Sept. 25, 1739, leaving her with child, and since has been brought to bed of a son and heir. Sir Edmund, dying Feb. 26, 1728-9, without issue male, was succeeded in honour and estate, by his half-brother,

Sir John Prideaux, of Netherton, the present baronet, who married Anne (*a*), eldest daughter of John, lord viscount Lisburne, (by the lady Mallet Wilmot, his wife, daughter of John Wilmot, earl of Rochester,) by whom he has now living, only two sons, Saunderfon, and Peter; and two daughters. John, his second son, was killed before Carthagen, April, 1741.

ARMS: Argent, a Cheveron, Sable, over all, a File of three Lambeaux, Gules.—And Party per Pale, Argent, and Gules, three Castles, counterchang'd two and one; which hath been used sometimes single, and sometimes quartered with other Coats.

CREST: On a Cap of Dignity, a Saracen's Head, coup'd at the Shoulders, looking sideways, proper.

SEAT: At Netherton, in *Devonshire*.

65. HESILRIGE, of Nofely, Leicestershire.

(Sir THOMAS, KNIGHT,)

Created BARONET, July 21, 1622.

THIS ancient family are descended from Simon de Haselrig, lord of Wettisflade, and West-Brunton, in Northumberland, (*b*) to whom K. Edward I. gave the manors of Yetham-Corbet, and Yetham-Maine, in the county of Roxburgh, 9 Edw. I.

His son, Simon de Hesilrig, was father of William de Hesilrig, of Fawdon, in com. Northumb. 36 Ed. III. and 10 Rich. II. and by Joan, his wife, had issue, Thomas, 20 Rich. II. who married Isabel, daughter and coheir of Sir Roger Heron, Knt. (*c*) by Margaret, daughter of Sir Ralph Hastings, Knt. which Margaret, was sole heir to her mother, Isabel, daughter of Sir Rober de Sadington, Knt. by this match, the Nofely estate came into the family. Thomas Haselrig, of Nofely, Esq; son and heir, was high sheriff of Leicestershire, 16 Hen. VII. he married Elizabeth, daughter of — Broket, and died 1467, and lies buried in Nofely church, where there is a monument, with this inscription (*d*):

Hic jacent Thomas Haselrige, Armiger, & Elizabetha, Uxor ejus, qui obiit Die Sancti Mathei, Littera Dominicali—Anno Domini 1467, quorum Animabus propitiatur Deus. Amen.

William Haselrig, Esq; son and heir of Thomas, married Elizabeth, daughter and coheir of Thomas Staunton, of Staunton-Harold, in com. Leicest. Esq; and dying 14 Edw. IV. 1473, was buried

(*a*) Ex instr. Dom. Jo. Prideaux, Bar. (*b*) Burton's Leicest. p. 213. (*c*) Ibid. p. 214. (*d*) Ibid. p. 213.

buried at Nofely, where is a monument for him, with this inscription (a):

Hic jacet Willielmus Haselrig, Armiger, Dominus de Noweslei, & Eliz. Uxor ejus,— qui Willielmus, obiit Die Sancti Mathei, Litera—Anno 1473.

[With the Arms of Staunton and Haselrig, in Pale, which was not rare in those times (b), to impale the Wives Coat, before the Husbands, for ostentimes, when Families had married great Heirs, and thereby much enlarged their own Estates, they did not onely impale the Woman's Coate before the Husband's, but many times waine and quite leave off bearing of their owne, and betake themselves wholly to their Wives or Mothers Coate.]

Thomas Haselrig, Esq; his son and heir, was squire of the body to Henry VIII. 1515. He married Lucia, daughter and heir of Thomas Entwissell, Esq; and lies buried also at Nofely, having this inscription (c):

Hic jacent Thomas Haselrig, Armiger, pro Corpore excellentissimi Domini Henrici octavi, & Lucia, Uxor ejus, quæ quidem Lucia obiit octavo Die Mensis Octobris, A^o. 1525, & dictus Thomas, obiit— Die — quorum Animabus propitiatur Deus. Amen.

By which monument, it further appears, that they had eighteen children, viz. ten sons, and eight daughters, as their pictures thereupon shew.

Bertin Haselrig, of Nofely, Esq; 1563, his son and heir, married Anne, daughter of John Southill, of Stockerston, in com. Leicest. Esq; and was father of Miles Haselrig, Esq; who, by Bridget, daughter of Sir Thomas Griffin, of Braybrooke, in Northtonshire, Knt. (who was remarried to William Lane, of Cottesbrooke, Esq;) had issue, Thomas, his son and heir, who took to wife, Ursula, daughter of Sir Thomas Andrews, of Charwelton, in com. Northton, Knt. (by Catherine, his first wife, daughter of Edward Cave, of Newbold-Revel, in com. Warw. Esq;) and had issue,

Sir Thomas Haselrig, of Nofely, Knt. high sheriff of the county of Leicester, 10 Jac. I. and advanced to the dignity of a baronet, 20 Jac. I. He married Frances, daughter and heir of Sir William Gorges, of Alderton, in com. Northton, Knt. and had issue, eight sons, and six daughters. He died Jan. 11, 1629, aged sixty-six, and his lady, 1638, and was succeeded in dignity and estate, by his eldest surviving son,

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(a) Burton's Leicestershire, p. 213.

(b) Ibid.

(c) Ibid.

Sir Arthur Heselrige, Bart. who represented the county of Leicester, in parliament, 1640, and thinking, the earl of Strafford, was suffer'd to carry matters too far, and that the constitution was in danger; out of a regard for the liberties of the subject, he opposed the measures of the court, and preferred to the house of commons (*a*), a bill for the attainder of the earl of Strafford, of high treason; but growing obnoxious to the court, he was one of the six members (*b*) that had articles of high treason exhibited against him, by Herbert, the attorney-general; he afterwards joined in opposing the king's measures, and was colonel of a regiment of cuirassiers, called the lobsters, which did great mischief to the king's affairs: he was a considerable man in all consultations and debates during the war, and was appointed governor of Newcastle, and in great favour and esteem with the protector. In the year 1647, 1649, and 1650, he, and his son, made the following purchases (*c*):

In 1647, at the sale of the lands of the see of			
Durham, Sir Arthur Heselrige, bought Bi-	}	6102	8 11
shops-Aukland manor, March 8, for			
Nov. 9, 1649, Thomas Heselrige, Esq; bought	}	3306	6 6
Middleham manor, in Northumberland, for			
Apr. 5, 1650, Sir Arthur, bought Easingwood-	}	5833	9 9
borough, for — — — —			
June 1, Wollingham manor, for — —		6764	14 4

Sir Arthur, married two wives; 1. Frances, daughter of Thomas Elmes, of Lilford, in com. Northton, Esq; by whom he had two sons, Sir Thomas, his successor, and another that died before him; and two daughters: this lady, dying 1632, he married to his second wife, Dorothy, sister to Robert Greville, lord Broke, baron of Beauchamp-court, by whom he had three sons, tho' only one, Sir Robert, hereafter mentioned, surviv'd him, and five daughters, Sir Arthur, died 1660, and his second lady, Jan. 28, 1650.

Sir Thomas Heselrige, Bart. his only surviving son by the first marriage, succeeded him in dignity and estate, and married Elizabeth, daughter and coheir of George Fenwick, of Brunton-hall, in Northumberland, Esq; and had issue, one son, Sir Thomas, his successor, and three daughters; of which, Mary, married Francis Blith, of Allesly, in com. Warw. Esq; and Arabella, Rawson Hart, Esq; Sir Thomas, died Feb. 24, 1680, aged fifty-five, and his lady, May 30, 1673.

Sir Thomas Heselrige, Bart. his only son and successor, serv'd in parliament for the county of Leicester, 1690, and died unmarried,

(*a*) Clarendon, vol. I. p. 226.
vey of cathedrals, vol. I. p. 230, 231, 232.

(*b*) Ibid. vol. II. p. 357.

(*c*) Willis's sur-

(*d*) Hist. rebell, vol. IV, p. 474.

ried, July 11, 1700, aged thirty-six ; whereupon the dignity and estate devolv'd upon his uncle, Sir Robert, the only surviving son of Sir Arthur, by the second venter ;

Which Sir Robert Hefilrige, Bart. married Bridget, daughter of Sir Samuel Rolle, of Heanton, in com. Devon, Knt. by whom he had four sons, who all died unmarried in his life-time, but one son, Sir Robert, his successor ; and four daughters, who all died unmarried, before him, except one daughter, who died June 10, 1720. Sir Robert (a), died May 22, 1713, and his lady, July 26, 1697, and was succeeded in dignity and estate, by his only surviving son,

Sir Robert Hefilrige, Bart. who married Dorothy, second daughter of Banaster, lord Maynard, and died May 19, 1721, leaving one son, Sir Arthur, his successor, and a daughter, Dorothy, married to the rev. Mr. Battel, of Hertfordshire.

Sir Arthur Hefilrige, only son and successor to his father, is the present baronet : he married, June, 1725, Hannah, daughter of Mr. Sturges, and has issue, two sons, Robert, and Arthur, and five daughters, Elizabeth, Dorothy, Mary, Hannah, and Bridget.

ARMS: Argent, a Cheveron, between three Hasel Leaves, vert.

CREST: On a Chapeau, Gules, lin'd ermine, a Scots Head, proper.

SEATS: At *Nosely-hall*, eight miles from *Leicester*, and in *Northampton-Town*.

66. BURTON, of Stockerston, Leicestershire.

(Sir THOMAS, KNIGHT,)

Created BARONET, July 22, 1622.

THE first I find mentioned of this ancient family, which had formerly large possessions, and were of great esteem and reputation in the counties of Rutland, and Leicester, is, Henry, son of Richard de Burtone, who, by his deed confirmed to the monks of Geronden, in com. Leicester, the donations made by Reginald,

(a) In Sir Robert's life-time, Hefilrige, of Swarland, in Northumberland, Esq; a younger branch of the family, died, and left the manor of Swarland, to Sir Robert Hefilrige, which is also enjoy'd by the present Sir Arthur, his grandson, with all the old estates of the family, viz. Wettislade, East-Brunton, West-Brunton, Fawdon, Dinington, Wideopen, and Witchet, in Northumberland ; Nosely, and Ilston, in com. Leicest.

Reginald, son of Ingehulf, and Reginald, son of that Reginald, in Ybestoke.

Nicholas de Burton, was lord of Tolethorp, in com. Rutland, in 9 Edw. II. (*a*) (also the same year (*b*), knight of the shire.) Afterwards, in the time of Edw. III. it was the chief seat of his son, Sir William de Burton, Knt. one of the justices of the king's bench, from 17 Edw. III. to the thirty-sixth year of that king's reign. He was also lord of Foxton, and other lands in com. Leicester, and died 49 Edw. III. leaving issue, (by Eleanor, his wife,) Sir Thomas de Burton, Knt. (*c*) knight of the shire for Rutland, 1 Rich. II. high sheriff of Rutland, 1379, and serv'd again in parliament, in 3 and 5 Rich. II. He, by deed dated at Tolethorp, on the Saturday next after the feast of St. Martin, the bishop, 50 Ed. III. did convey unto John Brown, of Stamford, Esq; the manor of Tolethorp, together with all its appurtenances, and the perpetual advowson of the chapel of the same; also all his lands, tenements, rents, and services, in the village of Little-Casterton, with the reversion of the patronage of the church (*d*). Sir Thomas, died, 8 Rich. II. and lies buried in the church of Little-Casterton, in com. Rutl. where is graved in brass, about the verge of a grave-stone, this inscription (*e*):

+ Hic jacet Dominus Thomas Burton, Miles, quondam Dominus de Tolthorp, ac Ecclesiæ istius Patronus, qui obiit ————— Et Domina Margarita, Uxor sua in ejus sinistris, quorum Animabus propitiatur Deus. Amen.

And left issue, by Margaret (*f*), daughter of Thomas Grenham, Sir Thomas Burton, Knt. high sheriff of the county of Rutland, four times, viz. 4 and 8 Hen. V. 1 and 6 Hen. VI. and in 9 Hen. V. he was appointed to receive such sums of money collected in com. Rutl. as should be lent the king, to enable him to carry on the war in France, and in order to his going into Normandy. He married the daughter of Simon Louthe, and was father of Thomas, high sheriff of Rutland, 18 Hen. VI. who had two wives; first, a daughter of Sir Robert Brabeson, Knt. by whom he had a son, that died young. By his second wife, the daughter of Sir Hugh Bushey, Knt. was father of William, whose wife was the daughter of John Folville, of Ashby-Folville, in com. Leicester, Esq; John Burton, of Uppingham, in com. Rutland, Esq; his son and heir, married the daughter of Thomas Basing; by her he had a son, Thomas, who was knighted by King Henry VIII. and took to wife the daughter of Ralph Lowe, of Denbigh, in com. Derb. Esq;

(*a*) Wright's Rutland. p. 123.

(*b*) Prynn's Reg. vol. IV. p. 44.

(*c*) Ibid.

p. 325. (*d*) Wright's Rutlandshire, p. 123.

(*e*) Ibid. p. 37.

(*f*) Addit.

to Wright's Rutland, p. 111.

Esq; by whom he had John Burton, of Braunston, Esq; who died 1 Queen Mary, leaving issue by the daughter of — Blackwell, William, his son, of the same place, who married Alice, daughter of Richard Peck, of Ridlington, in com. Rutl. by whom he had three sons; 1. John Burton, of whom hereafter; 2. Martin Burton, of Okeham, Esq; ancestor to those of that place, and of Exton; 3. Simon Burton, of Braunston, Esq; ancestor of that line.

John Burton, eldest son and heir, was of Stockerston: he married Anne, daughter and heir of Thomas Digby, of Coats, Esq; (son of Lybeus Digby, of Coats, and Luffenham, Esq; a fourth brother to Sir Simon Digby, of Colehill,) by which marriage, a good estate accru'd to them, and had issue,

Thomas Burton, Esq; who having been knighted, was afterwards, viz. 20 James I. further advanced to the higher title of a baronet. He had two wives; first, Phillippa, daughter of Henry Cobham, alias Brook, Esq; granddaughter of George, lord Cotnam, and relict of Walter Calverley, of Calverley, in com. Ebor. Esq; by whom he had only three daughters, Anne, first wife of Sir Abel Barker, of Hambleton, in com. Rutland, Bart. Elizabeth, and Frances, who died unmarried.

By his second lady, Anne, daughter of Robert Reynolds, of London, Gent. he left his only son and successor,

Sir Thomas Burton, of Stockerston, Bart. who eminently distinguished himself in behalf of King Charles I. and was in the first commission of array, with Sir George Villiers, Sir Henry Skipwith, and others (a), in the county of Leicester, upon the breaking out of the rebellion, 1641, and suffered sequestration and imprisonment for the royal cause: and, by Elizabeth, daughter of Sir John Prettyman, of Lodington, in com. Leicest. Bart. of Nova Scotia, (who was remarried to Sir William Halford, of Welham, in com. Leicest. Knt.) he had, Sir Thomas, his successor, and John, who died S. P.

Sir Thomas Burton, Bart. who succeeded in the dignity and estate, married Anne, eldest daughter of Sir Thomas Clutterbuck, of London, and of Blakesware, in com. Hertf. Knt. and dying 1705, was buried at Newark, in Nottinghamshire. This Sir Thomas, sold the Stockerston estate, to Sir Charles Duncomb, Knt.

Sir Charles Burton, his eldest son, succeeded him in the dignity, and is the present baronet: he has a brother, Thomas, now living.

ARMS: Sable, a Cheveron, between three Owls, Argent, crown'd, Or.

CREST: On a Torce, an Owl, as in the Arms.

(a) Rushworth's Coll. vol. IV. p. 655.

67. CHUDLEIGH, of Ashton, Devonshire.

(GEORGE, ESQUIRE,)

Created BARONET, Aug. 1, 1622.

THIS ancient family hath been of long continuance in this county, and flourished for several generations, at Broad-Cleft, in com. Devon. and were frequently sheriffs, in the reigns of King Richard II. Henry VI. and Henry VII. and match'd into several noble houses, as, Beauchamp, Pomeroy, Beaumont, Champernon, Nonant, Paulet, Sturton, &c.

Ashton, anciently called Afferiston, and Asheriston, came, with other lands, to them, very early (a), by the marriage of John Chudleigh, son of John Chudleigh, of Chudleigh, with Thomasine, daughter of Richard, son of Sir Richard Prous, Knt. unto whom the said Richard Prous, made this conveyance, as by the deed appeareth, a brief whereof followeth (b): *Sciunt, &c. quod nos Richardus Prous, & Margarita, uxor mea, concessimus, dedimus, &c. Johanni Chuddelegb, & hæredibus suis, omnia, terras, & tenementa nostra, in Afferiston, Shaplegh-Hilion, &c. testibus, dominis Nich. Kirkham, Johanne de Ferrariis, Rogero de Nonant, militibus; Wilielmo de Fislacre, Johanne Tremenet, & aliis, dat. apud Gidlegh, A. 13 Ed. filii Ed. 1320.*

By which it appeareth, that the seat and manor of Ashton, hath been in the family, upwards of four hundred years.

The descendant of this John, was, Sir James Chudleigh, Knt. who married Jane, daughter and heir of Sir John De, Knt. and had issue, James Chudleigh, of Ashton, Esq; his son and heir, who married Margaret, daughter of William, lord Sturton, of which match, this is remarkable on record (c), 'That, by covenant of marriage, James Chudleigh, shall marry Margaret, daughter to William, lord Sturton, who giveth him an hundred marks, anno 15 Edw. IV. 1476,' which shews how valuable money was at that time, when a lord's daughter had no larger fortune. William, his son and heir, married Joan, daughter of Sir William Hody, of Dorsetshire, Knt. and had issue, Sir Richard Chudleigh, Knt. who married Mary, daughter of Sir Nicholas Wadham, of Merifield, in com. Som. Knt. This Sir Richard, is the gentleman, whose case is so well known among the lawyers, and is reported by my lord Coke, by the name of *The case of perpetuities*, or, *Chudleigh's case*.

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(a) Prince's worthies of Devon, p. 209.

(b) Pole's great MS. of Chart, &c. p. 212.

(c) Pole's MS. in Chisle; and Prince's worthies of Devon, p. 209.

Christopher Chudleigh, Esq; eldest son and heir, married Christiana, daughter of William Stretchley, of Stretchley, in com. Devon, Esq; by which match (*a*), a very considerable inheritance came into this family. He left issue, John Chudleigh, of Ashton, Esq; (*b*) 'who was of a right martial, bold, and adventurous spirit; for, living in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, the famous actions of Drake, Cavendish, &c. so employed his thoughts, that he had a noble emulation in him, to equal, if not excel the bravest heroes, and their noblest exploits, not at land, where is the least danger, but at sea.' But he did not live to accomplish his generous designs, dying young, in the Straights of Magellan, leaving issue, by Elizabeth, daughter of George Speke, of White-Lackington, in com. Somerset, Esq; two very eminent men, Sir George Chudleigh, Bart. and Sir John, who was knighted for his worth (*c*), by King Charles I. Sep. 22, 1625, also a daughter, Alice, married to (*d*) Sir William Langham, of Cottesbrooke, in com. Northton, Knt.

George, the eldest son, was left a minor, of three or four years of age; but by his careful and prudent trustees, and his own virtuous disposition, had his youth well educated, and his person excellently adorned, with all the accomplishments requisite to a fine gentleman: so that, having been abroad for the most exquisite breeding, that age could yield, he retired home, well improved, and fixed his habitation at his seat at Ashton; and was advanced to the dignity of a baronet, by King James I. Here, his demeanour was so courteous and obliging, and withal, so discreet and prudent, that he lived in great esteem and reputation among his neighbours, and was looked upon as an ornament unto his country: of whom, a judicious author (*e*), that knew him well, gave this testimony, when he must be in his younger years: That he was a grave, understanding, and hopeful gentleman.

How well he deserved this good character, not only this country, but the kingdom, came afterward to understand: 'For being chosen a burges, (though I do not find of what place) to serve in that parliament, which began at Westminster, anno 1640, he had occasion soon offered, for the trial both of his parts and principles: at first, indeed, it must be granted, that from a misinformed zeal, he was led aside, and became very active in the west, for the parliament, against the king. But both he, and his son, afterward (men of great reputation in their country (*f*)) redeemed their former miscarriages, by very eminent services to his majesty, King Charles I. both in council and in arms: for, soon returning to his loyalty and duty, he published his declaration, in the year of our lord 1643, wherein
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(*a*) Prince, p. 209.
Northton, p. 217.

(*b*) Ibid. p. 210.
(*e*) Pole in Ashton.

(*c*) Ibid.

(*d*) St. George's visit.
(*f*) Lloyd's Mem. p. 473.

‘ he shewed his reasons for so doing ; which are so very solid and convincing, that, as they proved a great satisfaction to all unbiased men, in those times, so I shall here insert them, to the honour of his memory in succeeding ages.

‘ Petitions of right, saith he, are commendable, and remonstrances may be lawful ; but arms, though defensive, are ever doubtful. My lot fell, to be cast on the parliament’s side, by a strong opinion of the goodness of their cause, which, to my judgment then, appeared to be so ; religion, and the subjects’ liberty, seemed to me to be in danger : but the destruction of a kingdom, cannot be the way to save it ; nor can the loss of christian subjects, nor the subjects’ loss of their estates, by plunder and assessments, consist with piety, nor yet with property. As for religion, his majesty, whom God long preserve, hath given us unquestionable security ; I have cast my self at my sovereign’s feet, and implored his gracious pardon ; I will contend no more in words or deeds. And this my resolution, with the indisputable grounds thereof, I thought good to declare to my friends and country-men, that they may understand my sitting, (he means at Oxford) to proceed from no compulsion.

‘ After this, according to his loyal and judicious declaration, he always adhered to the royal cause ; and by the influence of his reasons, and his example, both, he brought over others to do the same. He did what he could to stem the tide of rebellion and disloyalty, which at that time, like a mighty torrent, overflowed the nation.’

Sir George, married Mary, daughter of Sir William Stroud, of Newnham, in com. Devon, Knt. by whom he had several sons, who all died unmarried, except Sir George, his successor, and Thomas, who, by —, daughter of — Vaughan, Esq; left issue, Thomas Chudleigh, Esq; envoy to Holland, temp. Car. II. who married Elizabeth, daughter of — Cole, of Oxfordshire, Esq; Sir George, had also several daughters, of which, one married — Rolle, of Devonshire ; another, to — Ashford, of Ashford, in com. Devon ; another, married, first, to — Clifford, of Ugbroke, in com. Devon, and afterwards, to — Cole, of Oxfordshire, Esqrs. But as colonel James Chudleigh, one of his sons, was so considerable a man, we shall here give lord Clarendon’s account of him.

After the defeat of the rebels, at the battle of Stratton, ‘ the earl of Stamford (a), to make his own conduct and misfortune the less censur’d, industriously spread abroad in all places, and confidently sent the same information to the parliament, That he had been betray’d by James Chudleigh ; and that, in the heat of the battle, when the hope of the day stood fair, he had voluntarily, with a party, run over to the enemy, and immediately

(a) Clarendon’s hist. vol. III. p. 271.

'diately charg'd the parliament forces; which begot in all men
 'a general apprehension of treachery, the soldiers fearing their
 'officers, and the officers their soldiers revolt; and thereupon
 'the rout ensued. Whereas, the truth is, as he was a young
 'man of excellent parts, and courage, he performed the part of
 'a right good commander, both in his orders, and his person;
 'and was taken prisoner in the body of his enemy, whither he
 'had charg'd with undaunted courage, when there was no other
 'expedient in reason left. But this scandal, so without colour,
 'cast on him, and entertain'd with more credit than his services
 'had merited, (for from the time of his engagement to the par-
 'liament, he had serv'd not only with full ability, but with
 'notable success, and was the only man that had given any in-
 'terruption to the prosperity of the Cornish army, and in a night-
 'skirmish, at Bradock-down, near Okington, struck a great ter-
 'ror into them, and disordered them more than they were at any
 'other time,) wrought so far upon the young man, together with
 'the kind usage, and reception he found as a prisoner, among
 'the chief officers, who lov'd him as a gallant enemy, and one
 'like to do the king good service, if he were recover'd to his loy-
 'alty, that after he had been prisoner about ten days, he freely
 'declared, That he was convinced in his conscience, and judg-
 'ment, of the errors he had committed; and, upon promise made
 'to him of the king's pardon, frankly offer'd to join with them
 'in his majesty's service; and so gave some countenance to the
 'reproach that was first most injuriously cast upon him.

'The truth is, he was of too good an understanding, and too
 'much generosity in his nature, to be affected to the cause which
 'he serv'd, or to comply with those arts, which he saw practis'd
 'to carry it on; and having a command in Ireland, when the
 'war first broke out, he came thence into England, with a pur-
 'pose to serve the king; and to that end, shortly after his ma-
 'jesty's coming to Oxford, he came thither to tender his service;
 'but he found the eyes of most men fixed upon him with preju-
 'dice and jealousy there, both for his family's sake, which was
 'notoriously disaffected to the king, and for some errors of his
 'own, in that plot, that was so much spoken of, to bring up the
 'northern army to awe the parliament; in which business, be-
 'ing then a very young man, and of a stirring spirit, and desi-
 'rous of a name, he had express'd much zeal to the king's ser-
 'vice, and been busy in inclining the army to engage in such
 'petitions, and undertakings, as were not gracious to the par-
 'liament. But when that discovery was made by Mr. Goring,
 'as is before remember'd, and a committee appointed to examine
 'the combination, this gentleman, wrought upon by hopes, or
 'fears, in his examination, said much that was disadvantageous

‘ to the court, and therefore, bringing no other testimony with him, to Oxford, but of his own conscience, he receiv’d nothing like countenance there ; whereupon he return’d to London, sufficiently incensed that he was neglected ; and was quickly entertain’d for their western employment, where his nearest friends were thoroughly engaged. But after this defeat, his former passion being allayed, and his observation and experience convincing him, that the designs of the parliament were not such as were pretended, he resign’d himself to those who first conquer’d him with force, and then with reason and civility.’

This colonel James Chudleigh, was afterwards slain at Dartmouth, in his majesty’s service, when the town and castle were yielded to Sir Thomas Fairfax, the parliament’s general ; of whom, lord Clarendon, further says (*a*), ‘ A gallant young gentleman, who received a shot with a musquet, in the body, at the siege of Dartmouth, of which he died within few days, and was a wonderful loss to the king’s service :’ when the royal cause sunk, this family, (says Prince, in his worthies of Devon,) as well as others, paid dear for their loyalty. Sir George Chudleigh, Bart. died 1657, and was succeeded in dignity and estate, by,

Sir George Chudleigh, Bart. second son of Sir George, (his elder brother, John, dying in the life-time of his father, aged fourteen) who married Elizabeth, daughter of Hugh Fortescue, of Filleggh, in com. Devon, Esq; by whom he had three sons, 1. John, who died unmarried ; 2. Sir George, his successor, and 3. Hugh Chudleigh, of Westminster, Esq; who married Susan, daughter of Sir Richard Strode, of Newnham, in Devon, Knt. sister and heir of — Strode, of Challington, in com. Dorset, Esq; and left issue. Sir George, had also several daughters, of which, Elizabeth, married — Hunt, of Chudleigh, in com. Devon. Grace, to Thomas Gibbon, of Exeter ; Jane, to Roger Strode, of Devon, Esq; and Dorothy, to Charles Ford, of Exeter. Sir George, died 1691, and was succeeded in dignity and estate, by his eldest surviving son,

Sir George Chudleigh, Bart. who married (*b*) Mary, daughter of Richard Lee, of Winflade, in com. Devon, Esq; she was a lady of great virtue, and natural parts, as appears by what she publish’d, in verse and prose. She died in the year 1710, and he, 1719 : they had issue, Sir George, successor to the title and estate ; Thomas, and other children : he was succeeded in dignity and estate, by his eldest son,

Sir George Chudleigh, Bart. who married Frances, one of the daughters and coheirs of the late Sir William Davie, of Creedy,

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(*a*) Clarendon, p. 397.

(*b*) Ex infor. Dom. Geo. Chudleigh, Bart.

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in com. Devon. Bart. by whom he had only three daughters; and dying at Ashton, Oct. 10, 1738, was succeeded by his cousin,

Sir Thomas Chudleigh, Bart. who was a lieutenant in lord James Cavendish's regiment of foot, who dying unmarried at Aix la Chapelle, June, 1741, was interr'd July 12, following, at Chelsea, in Middlesex, and was succeeded by his cousin, Sir John, son of the late colonel Chudleigh, by a daughter of Mr. Guernier, of Pall-Mall.

Which Sir John Chudleigh, is the present baronet, and unmarried.

ARMS: Ermine, three Lioncels, rampant, Gules.

CREST: On a Wreath, a Savage, proper, his Privities cover'd, and a Garland about his Head, proper, a Bugle-horn, hanging on a String, from his Shoulder, on his left Side, and his left Arm bent, and in his right Hand, a Hercules' Club, proper.

SUPPORTERS: Two Savages, or Wild Men, proper.

MOTTO: *Aut vincam, aut peribo.*

68. D R A K E, of Buckland, Devonshire.

(FRANCIS, ESQUIRE,)

Created BARONET, Aug. 2, 1622.

THE first we find mentioned of this family, is, John Drake, of Tavistock, in com. Devon, afterwards vicar of Upnor, in that county, who fled into Kent. temp. Hen. VIII. (a) for fear of the six articles, wherein the sting of popery still remain'd, tho' the teeth thereof were knock'd out, and the pope's supremacy abolished. He had two sons, Francis, and Thomas: the eldest son was, Sir Francis Drake, (having that christian name (b) from his godfather, Francis, earl of Bedford,) knighted by Q. Elizabeth, on shipboard, at Deptford, 1581; he represented Bossiney, in Cornwall, 27 Eliz. and Plymouth, in Devon, 35 of that reign. Mr. Camden, calls him, the greatest captain of the age, in maritime achievements: his blocking up the bay of Mexico, for two years together, with continual defeats of the Spaniards; his sailing quite round the world, with great conduct and bravery, and change of fortune, and his other naval achievements, which made him so famous and memorable, are fitter for a history and volume by it self, than a design of this nature. He married Elizabeth, only daughter of Sir George Sydenham, of Combe-Sydenham, in com. Somerset. Knt. (who surviving him, afterwards married William Courtenay, of Powderham-castle, in Devonshire, Esq;) and dying Jan. 28, 1595, without issue, left a large estate to his nephew, Francis Drake, Esq; son and heir of his brother, Thomas, by Elizabeth, daughter of — Gregory, which Thomas, had

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(a) Prince's worthies of Devon, p. 239.

(b) Ibid.

also a daughter, Elizabeth, married to John Bampfylde, of Poltimore, in Devon, Esq;

Francis Drake, Esq; before mentioned, was advanced to the dignity of a baronet, 20 Jac. I. and in 25 of that reign, he was representative in parliament for Plympton, in that county, and 3 Car. I. knight of the shire for Devon. He married two wives; first, Jane, daughter of Sir Amias Bampfylde, of Poltimore, in com. Devon, Knt. by whom he had one daughter, Dorothy, that died an infant; secondly, Joan, daughter of Sir William Strode, of Newnham, in Devon, Knt. by whom he had four sons; 1. Sir Francis, his successor; 2. Thomas, who married the daughter of — Grimes, Esq; and was father of Sir Francis, hereafter mentioned; 3. — Drake, of Ivybridge, and 4. Joseph.

Sir Francis Drake, Bart. eldest son and heir, succeeded his father in title and estate: he serv'd in parliament for Newport, in Cornwall, and Beer-Alston, in com. Devon, temp. Car. II. and married Dorothy, daughter of — Pym, of Brymmore, in Somersetshire, Esq; but dying without issue, was succeeded in dignity and estate by his nephew,

Sir Francis Drake, Bart. before mentioned, who serv'd in parliament for Tavestock, temp. Car. II. and again, temp. Will. & Mar. He had three wives; first, Dorothy, daughter of Sir John Bampfylde, of Poltimore, Bart. secondly, Anne, daughter and co-heir of Thomas Boon, of Mount-Boon, in Devonshire, Esq; and had no issue by either of them; and thirdly, a daughter of Sir Henry Pollexfen, Knt. lord chief justice of the common-pleas, by whom he had a daughter, married to Thomas Martin, Esq; one of the judges of the counties of Carnarvon, Merioneth, and Anglesea, also his son and successor,

Sir Francis-Henry Drake, Bart. who represented the borough of Tavestock, in the two parliaments of King George I. and serv'd again for the same borough, in the first parliament called by his present majesty, and in the last parliament was elected for Beerallston, in com. Devon. He married —, daughter of Samuel Heathcote, of Hursley, in Hampshire, Esq; sister to the present Sir William Heathcote, Bart. and died Jan. 26, 1739-40, ætat. 47, leaving issue three sons and two daughters, viz. Sir Francis-Henry, his successor; Francis-William, and Samuel; Anne, and Sophia, all in their minority.

Sir Francis-Henry Drake, his eldest son and successor, is the present baronet.

ARMS: Sable, a Fess wavy, between the two Pole-Stars, Argent.

CREST: On a Helmet, a Ship, under Ruff, drawn round a Globe, with a Cable-rope, by a Hand out of the Clouds, with this

this Motto over it, *Auxilio divino*; and under it, *Sic parvis magna*.

SEAT: At Buckland-Monachorum, near Tavestock, in Devonshire.

69. WASTNEYS, of Headon, Nottinghamshire.

(HARDOLPH, ESQUIRE,)

Created BARONET, Dec. 18, 1622.

THIS family are undoubtedly of great antiquity: their original, at this time of day, cannot be made out; tho, in the list of the surnames of noblemen and gentlemen, that came into England, with William, the conqueror, is (a) Wastneis. The first we find mentioned in the pedigree, is, Sir Hardulf Gasteneys, Knt. (b) who had two wives; first, Ravenilda, daughter of —; second, Bertreia, daughter of —: Sir Robert Gasteneys, Knt. his son, was father of Sir Philip, who, by Amphelis, daughter and coheir of Sir Robert Morley, Knt. had issue, Sir William, father of Sir William, who had two sons, both William's, and both knights; of the youngest Sir William, the immediate ancestor of this family, we shall treat hereafter.

In the memorandums of Burwash, bishop of Lincoln, folio 49, is mention'd, that in 18 Ed. II. 1324, the French king, Charles, the Fair, intending an invasion upon the coasts of England, king Edward II. appoints Sir Robert de Hercy, and Sir William Wastneys, Knts. to raise the array in the parts of Lindsey, and there-with defend the coasts; and the said bishop Burwash, was to tender them the usual oaths.

Sir William, the eldest son, had free warren in Brasingburgh, and Carleby, in co. Lincoln, and Garthorp, in Leic. and Colton, in Staffordshire, 48 Hen. III. (c) He is also thus mentioned in a deed; *Willmus de Wastneys, mercat. & fer. in Brasingburgh, in co. Lincoln. 55 Hen. 3. (d)* and temp. Edw. I. he was denominated, *de co. Stafford.* and by Constance, his wife, was father of Sir John, who, by Isabella, daughter of German Hay, of Acton, in com. Ebor. had two sons, Sir William, and John Gasteneys, rector of the church of Cranweys, who was living 10 Edw. III.

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(a) Stow's Chronicle, p. 308.

(b) From Sir Hardolph Wastneys's pedigree, this account is chiefly taken.

(c) Cart. 48 Hen. III. m. 3.

(d) Cart. 55 Hen. III.

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Sir William, took to wife the daughter of Sir John Brett, of Norfolk, and left issue, Sir Thomas, living 10 Edw. III. and John Gastneis, living 18 Edw. III. Sir Thomas de Gastneys, Knt. married Johanna, daughter of John Toly, of Wymondham. He is thus mentioned in a deed; *Ego Thomas de Gastneys, miles, & Johanna, uxor mea, dedimus Johanni de Gastneys, fratri nostro ad totam vitam suam, unum messuagium, &c. dat. anno 18 Edw. 3.* and sealed with the lion, as now borne by the family; but this line terminated in Thomafine, his daughter and sole heir, married to Sir Nicholas Grefely, of Drakelow, in Derbyshire, Knt. by which match, Colton, and other lands in Staffordshire, of great value, went to the Grefeleys, (see Camden, in Derbyshire.)

Sir William Gastneis, called the younger, second son of Sir William, gave his land in Diedburgh, in com. Leicestershire, to Edmond, his son; which Edmond, purchased the manor of Totwick, in com. Ebor. of Sir John Horbury, Knt. 28 Edw. I. This Edmond, had a charter warren, by King Edward I. in his manor of Totwick, with the advowson of the church, dated 28 Edw. I. he left several children, viz. Sir Hardolph, Sir Edmond, Robert, who married, but had no issue; William, Thomas, and Reinauld, who died without issue.

Sir Hardolph de Wastneis, Knt. his eldest son, had a writ directed to him, 9 Edw. III. enjoining him, among others, to come in person, *habere colloquium & tractat*, of the west-riding of Yorkshire. He had two wives, first, the daughter of Lexbourne, second, Sibill, daughter of ———, but leaving no issue by either of them, Sir Edmond, his brother, was his heir; whose son, Edmond, was father of John; whose son, John, was lord of Headon, in com. Nottingham, and was returned among the gentry of the county of Nottingham, 12 Hen. VI. Robert, his son, held in Headon, and Oufthrop, in com. Nottingham, two knights fee, about the time of Edw. IV. he married Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Nelson, of Yorkshire, merchant of the staple, and had issue, George Wastneis, Esq; whose wife was, Elizabeth, daughter of William Blithe. George, his eldest son, married Anne, daughter of Richard Bassett, of Fledborough, and was father of George, who, by Mary, daughter of ——— Melford, left issue, Gervase Wastneys, of Headon, in com. Nottingham, Esq; living 1575, who took to wife, Jane, daughter of Lionel Reresby, of Thribergh, in com. Ebor. Esq; by whom he left issue, Sir Hardolph Wastneys, of Headon, and Daniel, who died issueless.

Sir Hardolph, was created baronet, 20 Jac. I. he died 1649, having served as sheriff for the county of Nottingham, 11 Car. I. and, by Jane, daughter of Gervase Eyre, of Keton, in com. Ebor. Esq;

Esq; had issue six daughters, viz. Anne, wife of John Rayner, of East-Drayton, in com. Nottingham, Esq; Mary, Isabel, and Rosamunda, who all died unmarried; Martha, was wife of Richard Tye, of East-Retford, in com. Nottingham, Esq; and Jane, married to John Kirke, of Eaton, in the same county, Esq; he had also three sons; 1. Sir Hardolph; 2. John, of Totwick, in com. Ebor. who married the daughter of — Ireland, of Lancashire, Esq; and had issue three sons; 1. Hardolph, who married Mary, daughter of colonel William Sandys, of Askham, in com. Nottingham, but died issueless in his father's life-time; 2. Sir Edmond, and 3. Daniel, who died issueless; and one daughter, Jane; the third son of Sir Hardolph, was, George, who firmly adher'd to King Charles I. and is memorable for slaying five persons at the Devizes, in com. Wilts, on the behalf of that king, in whose service he lost his life.

Sir Hardolph Wastneys, Bart. the eldest son, succeeded his father, and being well versed in the laws of his country, was made steward of East-Retford, in com. Nottingham, (a title the duke of Newcastle, afterwards had,) and having married Anne, daughter of Sir Thomas Chicheley, of Wimple, in com. Cantab. *Knt.* died, without leaving any issue, 1673, and was succeeded by his nephew,

Sir Edmund Wastneys, Bart. (second son of his brother, John,) who married Catherine, daughter of colonel William Sandys, of Askham, in com. Nottingham, and left issue,

Sir Hardolph Wastneys, the present baronet, who hath married Judith, daughter and heir of colonel Richard Johnson, of Bilsby, in com. Lincoln, but hath as yet no issue.

ARMS: Sable, a Lion rampant, double Queue, Argent, collar'd, Gules.

CREST: On a Wreath, a Demi-Lion, issuant, as in the Arms.

SEATS: At *Headon*, in Nottinghamshire, and *Bilsby*, near *Aylesford*, in Lincolnshire.

70. SKIPWITH, of Prestwould, Leicestershire.

(Sir HENRY, KNIGHT,)

Created BARONET, December 20, 1622.

FOR the antiquity and descent of this ancient family, see Skipwith, of Newbold-hall, in Warwickshire, vol. III. which is the eldest branch of this family.

The branch we are now to treat of, descends from Sir William Skipwith, Knt. sheriff of Lincolnshire, 18 Hen. VIII. who, by his second lady, Alice, daughter and heir of Sir Lyonel Dymock, of Scrivelsby, in Lincolnshire, Knt. had issue (*a*),

Henry Skipwith, Esq; his only son, who married Jane, daughter of Francis Hall, of Grantham, in Lincolnshire, Esq; by whom he had four sons; 1. Sir William, of whom hereafter; 2. George, slain at Bomwell, in Hollandia, without issue; 3. Francis, who died without issue; and 4. Henry, of Knightthorp, in com. Leicestershire, who, by Jane, daughter of Leonard Aston, of Longdon, in Staffordshire, Esq; left issue. Sir William, had also eight daughters; 1. Jane, married to William Samwell, of Upton, in Northamptonshire; 2. Ursula, married to Edward Ascough, of Cotham, in Lincolnshire; 3. Margaret, married to Matthew Saunders, of Shankton, in Leicestershire, Esqrs. 4. Catherine, married to Sir Walter Ascough, of Blithburgh, in Lincolnshire, Knt. 5. Dorothy, married to John Woodward, of Botelers-Marston, in Warwickshire; 6. Bridget, married to Walter Ascough, of Washingburgh, in Lincolnshire; 7. Anne, married to Henry Smith, of Withcock, in Leicestershire, and 8. Elizabeth, married to Thomas Harrington, of South Witham, in com. Linc. Esqrs.

Sir William Skipwith, Knt. his eldest son, *Dnus de Cotes*, in Leicestershire, of whom, Mr. Burton, in his description of Leicestershire, says (*b*), 'This worthy person, I cannot passe him over in silence, for that his so many good parts, his person, his valour, his learning, judgment, and wisdom, doe challenge more than I can expresse. Among the rest, yet I cannot omit to speak of his witty conceits, in making fit and acute epigrams, poesies, mottoes, and devices, but chiefly in devising apt and fit impressions, agreeing and expressing the parties conceit and intendment; of which impresses, the Italians were the first inventors.' He married

(*a*) *Ex stem. hujus fam.*(*b*) P. 77.

married Margaret, daughter of Roger Cave, of Stanford, in Northamptonshire, Esq; by whom he had three sons; 1. Sir Henry; 2. George, who died without issue; 3. Thomas, who married the daughter of John Bluet, of Halaston, in Lincolnshire, and left issue: also three daughters, 1. Jane, married to George, son and heir of George Throckmorton, of Fulbrooke, in com. Oxon. Esq; 2. Anne, married to Edward Pate, son and heir of Henry Pate, of Eye-Kettleby, in Leicestershire, Esq; and 3. Elizabeth, married to Sir John Pate, of Sisonby, in com. Leicest. Bart. brother of Edward.

Sir Henry Skipwith, Knt. the eldest son, was seated at Prestwold, in Leicestershire, and was advanced to the dignity of a baronet, by King James I. he heartily espoused the cause of King Charles I. and was one of the commissioners of array (a) for Leicestershire; and married the third daughter and coheir of Sir Thomas Kempe, of Kent, Knt. by whom he had four sons, and two daughters; 1. William, who died, *vitâ patris*, S. P. 2. Sir Henry, successor to his father; 3. Thomas, who died S. P. 4. Sir Grey, of whom hereafter; also Elizabeth, and Diana.

Sir Henry Skipwith, Bart. eldest surviving son, and successor to his father, died unmarried soon after him, whereupon the title and estate went to his next surviving brother,

Sir Grey Skipwith, Bart. who, in the time of the rebellion in England, after the death of King Charles I. went with several other gentlemen, over to (b) Virginia, to avoid the usurper, Cromwell, and there married, and left only one son (c),

Sir William Skipwith, Bart. who also married in Virginia, and in the year 1730, was about sixty years of age, and had eight children, and dying ———, was succeeded in the title, by his eldest son,

Sir Grey Skipwith, the present baronet, now in Virginia (d), aged about thirty.

ARMS: Argent, three Bars, Gules, in chief, a Greyhound, courant, Sable, collar'd, Or.

(a) Rushworth's coll. vol. IV. p. 655.

(b) By a letter from Virginia.

(c) Ibid.

(d) Ibid.

71. TEMPEST, of Stella, Durham.

(NICHOLAS, ESQUIRE,)

Created BARONET, Dec. 23, 1622.

OF this family, which is of great antiquity, we find, that in 7 Edw. II. 1313, the king releases Thomas, earl of Lancaster, and his adherents, among whom is mentioned, John Tempest, of all accusations (*a*), whereby they may be charg'd, in relation to the death of Piers Gaveston.

In 31 Edw. III. 1357, the king appoints Sir Richard Tempest, Knt. in consideration of his fidelity and circumspection, a commissioner to treat with those of Scotland, relating to the delivery from prison, David de Bruys, with power to take security, and settle all matters regarding the same (*b*). Whereupon, Aug. 6, 1357, John, son and heir of the lord John Stewart, of Dernle, and Robert, son and heir of lord Robert, de Danyclston, were deliver'd as hostages, to Sir Richard Tempest, in behalf of the said David de Bruys.

Nov. 12, 33 Edw. III. 1359, Richard Tempest (*c*), was one of those deputed, by Gilbert de Umfrevile, earl of Angus, and Ralph de Nevil, guardians of the marches on the east of England, with full power to observe the truces, made between the king's subjects, and the Scots, and to hear and determine matters relating thereto.

Sept. 1, 41 Edward III. 1367, the king appoints Richard Tempest (*d*), and others, guardians of the east marches of Scotland.

Aug. 2, 1408, 9 Hen. IV. the king sets forth, that Nicholas Tempest, Esq; (*e*) had traiterously adhered to Richard, late archbishop of York, Henry, earl of Northumberland, and others, at Shipton-Moor, near York, he now pardons the said treason and outlawry, of which he was attainted.

In 11 Henry IV. 1410, the king appointed Robert Tempest (*f*), one of the commissioners of array, for the county of Northumberland. 3 Hen. V. 1415, he was again a commissioner of array (*g*) for the west riding of Yorkshire.

9 Hen. V. April 7, 1421, his majesty appoints Sir Richard Tempest (*h*), to receive the money he had borrowed for his expedition

(*a*) Rymer's fœd. tom. III. p. 443.
(*c*) Ibid. p. 145. (*d*) Ibid. p. 570.
p. 639. (*g*) Ibid. tom. XI. p. 253.

(*b*) Ibid. tom. VI. p. 32, and 36.
(*e*) Ibid. vol. VIII. p. 545. (*f*) Ibid.
(*h*) Ibid. tom. X. p. 96.

pedition into Normandy, and other parts of France, and to pay the same into his treasury.

In 5 Hen. VIII. 1513, Richard Tempest, was one of the squires of the body to that king.

Octob. 1, 20 Hen. VIII. 1528, Sir Thomas Tempest (*a*), was, among others, appointed a commissioner, to settle the articles of peace, to continue for five years, between the kings of England, and Scotland. He is here called, *Honorabilis & spectabilis dominus*.

Jan. 28, 1529, James, king of Scots, signs articles, concluded between Sir Thomas Tempest (*b*), Knt. and other commissioners on the behalf of England, and those of Scotland, dated at Edinburgh.

In July 14, 1530, 22 Henry VIII. Sir Thomas Tempest, Knt. (*c*) was one of those in the county of Durham, that was appointed to enquire into cardinal Wolsey's estate.

Feb. 27, 2 Eliz. 1560, the queen, (during the vacancy of the see of Durham,) grants the said bishoprick, and the temporalities of the same, to be kept by Robert Tempest (*d*); who is to account for the same.

The pedigree of this family, (vide Bib. Bodl. e lib. MS. Dodsworth, N^o. 6. p. 55.) begins with Richard Tempest, who died 34 Ed. I. His son, Sir Richard, 16 Ed. III. had the custody of Berwick, whose son and heir, Sir Richard Tempest, Knt. living 1 Hen. IV. in which year he petitioned the commons in parliament, for 500 marks, due to Richard Tempest, lieutenant of the castle and city of Carlisle: he married Isabel, daughter and heir of John Grays, of Studley, and was father of Sir William Tempest, of Studley, 8 Hen. IV. His son, Rowland Tempest, took to wife, Isabella, daughter of Sir William Elmedon, Knt. (niece to Sir Robert Umfreville, Knt.) and had issue, Robert, whose wife was, Anne, daughter of William Lambton, of Lambton, in com. Dunelm, Esq;

Nicholas Tempest, Esq; his son and heir, by Agnes, daughter of John Marley, had issue, Thomas, who, by Elizabeth, daughter of Rowland Place, of Halnaby, in co. Ebor. Esq; was father of

Nicholas Tempest, of Stella, Esq; advanced to the higher title of a baronet, 20 Jac. I. He had issue by Isabel, daughter of Robert Lambton, of Lambton, Esq; Sir Thomas, his successor, William, and Henry, who both died S. P. and a daughter, Jane, married to Thomas Chayter, of Butterby, in com. Durham, Esq;

Sir Thomas Tempest, Bart. married Troth, daughter of Sir Richard Tempest, of Bracewell, Knt. (a branch of this family,) by Frances, daughter of Sir Francis Rhodes, Knt. by whom he had

(*a*) Ibid. tom. XIV. p. 278.
(*d*) Ibid. vol. XV p. 469.

(*b*) Ibid. p. 285.

(*c*) Ibid. p. 404.

had issue, 1. Sir Richard, his successor; 2. Nicholas, who, by Mary, daughter of William Swinburne, of Capeheaton, in Northumberland, Esq; left only a daughter, Troth, married to John Witham, of Clift, in com. Ebor. Esq; 3. Thomas, married to Jane, daughter of Sir Jordan Metham, of Metham, in com. Ebor. Knt. and had issue, three sons, Thomas, and Richard, who died issueless, and Sir Nicholas, the present baronet, of whom hereafter. Sir Thomas, had also four daughters, viz. Isabel, married to John Swinborne, of Capeheaton, in Northumb. Troth, to John Kennet, of Coxhow, in Durham; Catherine, to Bryan Salvyn, of Croxdal, in Durham, Esqrs. and Mary, to John, son and heir of Sir Nicholas Thornton, of Witton, in Northumberland, Knt.

Sir Richard Tempest, Bart. who succeeded his father, was colonel of a regiment of horse, in the service of King Charles I. and married Sarah, daughter of Sir Thomas Cambell, Knt. lord-mayor of London, and had issue, Sir Thomas, the succeeding baronet, Richard, and Nicholas; and dying 1662, was buried in Ryton church, in Durham.

Sir Thomas Tempest, Bart. died 1690. But by Alice, his wife, second daughter and coheir of William Hodgson, of Hebburne, in com. Durham, Esq; (and Margaret, his wife, daughter of Sir Thomas Haggerston, of Haggerston, in Northumberland, Bart.) left one son, Sir Francis, his successor, and two daughters, Jane, married to William, lord Widdrington, and died Sept. 9, 1714, and Troth, who died young.

Sir Francis Tempest, Bart. succeeded his father, and died in his nonage, at Montpellier, in France, 1698, whereupon the title devolved upon his cousin,

Sir Nicholas Tempest, the present baronet (*a*), (youngest son of Thomas, the third son of Sir Thomas Tempest, *above* said, Bart.) who married Anne, daughter of Mr. Price, but has no issue.

ARMS: Argent, a Bend, engrail'd, between six Martlets, Sable.

CREST: On a Wreath, a Martlet, Sable.

SEAT: At *Stanley*, near *Durham*.

(*a*) Not knowing whether this family is ext'ant, have inserted the account of it from the former edition, with additions.

72. PLAYTERS, of Sotterley, Suffolk.

(Sir THOHAS, KNIGHT,)

Created BARONET, August 13, 1623.

THIS family hath been of good antiquity in the counties of Norfolk, and Suffolk, as appears by old deeds and records, relating to the family.

The first we find mentioned in their pedigree is (a), Thomas Playters, of Thorndon, in Suffolk, Esq; who was father of Thomas Playters, of Thorndon, and Sotterley, Esq; who died Sep. 21, 1479, (b) he held Welborne manor and advowson, in Norfolk, Sotterley, and Ugshall manor, in Suffolk; and lies buried in Sotterley church, towards the upper end of the chancel, where, on a large grave-stone, with two full proportioned pictures, in brass, is this inscription (c):

Orate pro Animabus Thome Playters, Armigeri, nuper hujus Ecclesie Patroni, et Anne, Uxoris ejus, et Sororis et Heredis, Roger Denay, nuper de Tadington, Armigeri, qui quidem Thomas, obiit xxi Die mensis Septembris, Anno M.CCCC.LXXIX. et predicta Anna, obiit x Die mensis Octobris, ex tunc prox. sequent. Quorum Animabus propitiatur Deus, Amen.

By Anne, sister and heir of Roger Denny, of Tatington, in Suffolk, Esq; he left issue, William Playters, Esq; his son and heir, who lived 22 Edw. IV. 1483, and died Nov. 11, 1512, and lies buried in the chancel of Sotterley church, under a tomb of free-stone, cover'd with a fair marble, with this inscription, in brass, about it (d):

Here lyeth buried, the Body of William Playters, Esquire, Sonne and Heire to Thomas, and Anne, his Wife, who married Jane, Daughter to Sir Edmond Jenny, of Knetshall, Knight, by whom he had issue, divers Children, and died the xi Day of November, Anno M.D.XII.

He married Jane, daughter of Sir Edmond Jenny, of Knotshall, in Suffolk, Knt. and had five sons; four died unmarried; Christopher, the fifth, who lived 7 Hen. VII. 1492, and died Sept.

(a) Le Neve's MSS. of the baronets, vol. I. p. 43. (b) Fch. 19 Ed. IV. 12, 62.
(c) Weaver's fan. mon. p. 762, where Playfers, is printed, by mistake, for Playters.
(d) Ibid. p. 763.

Sept. 11, 1 Edw. VI. (*a*) seized of Sotterley, Ugghall, and Briseworth manors, in Suffolk, lies buried in Sotterley chancel, where is another tomb, with the effigies of a man cut in brass, and this inscription at his feet (*b*):

Here under lyeth buried, the Body of Christopher Playters, Esquire, true Patron of this Church, Sonne and Heire to William, and Jane, his Wife, who had two Wives, videlicet, Dorothy, one of the Daughters and Heires of William Aselak, of Carrow, in the County of Norfolk, Esquire, by whom he had issue, Thomas; and by Anne, Daughter to William Read, of Beccles, Esquire, he had issue, seven Sonnes, and foure Daughters, and he died in the yeare of our Lord God, M.D.XLVII.

He married two wives (*c*), first, Dorothy, sister and coheir to William Aslack, of Carrow, in Norfolk, Esq; by whom he had one son, Thomas: secondly, Anne, daughter of William Read, of Beccles, in Suffolk, Esq; by whom he had several children.

Thomas, his son and heir, living 32 Henry VIII. died Sep. 9, 1572 (*d*), seized of the manors of Ellowe, Ugghall manor and advowson, Sotterley, and lands in those and other towns in Suffolk; and, by Elizabeth, his wife, daughter of Sir Thomas Jermyn, of Rushbrooke, in Suffolk, Knt. (and Anne, his wife (*e*), daughter of Thomas Spring, of Lanham, in Suffolk, Esq;) had issue, William Playters, of Sotterley, Esq; who held the (*f*) manor of Eloghe, Ugghall manor and advowson, Sotterley manor and advowson, with lands in divers towns in Suffolk, half the manor of Berrys, alias Holkham, in Norfolk, the manor of Scotts, in Essex, and died June, 1584, and lies buried in Sotterley church. He had four wives (*g*), 1. Thomasine, daughter of George Duke, of Frense, Esq; 2. Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Timperley, of Hintlesham, in Suffolk, Esq; (and Audrey, his wife (*h*), daughter of Sir Nicholas Hare, Knt. master of the rolls;) 3. Thomasine, daughter and coheir of Edmund Tirrell, of Beches, in Essex, Esq; and 4. Mary, daughter and coheir of William Drake, of Hardley, in Norfolk, Esq; two of which, left no male issue, and the issue of the fourth fail'd, after two descents, but by his second wife, (Elizabeth Timperley,) he had issue,

Sir Thomas Playters, high sheriff of Suffolk, 1605, knighted at Newmarket, Oct. 19, 1606, and advanced to the dignity of a baronet, 21 Jac. I.

This Sir Thomas, married two wives, first, Anne, daughter of Sir William Swan, of Southfleet, in Kent, Knt. by whom he had

(*a*) Inquisit. dated Ap. 10, 2 Edw. VI. n. 66.

(*b*) Weaver's fun. mon. p. 7634

(*c*) Le Neve's MSS. of the baronets, vpl. I. p. 43.

(*d*) Inquisit. post mort. dat. 19 Jan.

15 Eliz. n. 181.

(*e*) Le Neve, ibid.

(*f*) Inquisit. post mort. dat. 29 Oct. 29

Eliz. n. 173.

(*g*) Le Neve, ibid.

(*h*) Ibid.

had, Sir William, his successor, Thomas, and Elizabeth, who died infants, and Frances, married to Hamond Bozown, of Wifingset, in Norfolk, Esq; Sir Thomas's second wife was, Anne, daughter of Sir Anthony Browne, of Ellsinge, in Norfolk, Knt. by whom he had several children, viz. Anthony, Francis, and William, who died young; Thomas, married to Mary, daughter of Sir Augustine Palgrave, of Norwood Berningham, in Norfolk, Knt. and died without issue, (his relict married, secondly, Thomas Well, Esq;) Sir Lyonel, of whom hereafter; Anthony, and Roger, who died without issue; John, married to Camilla, daughter of Thomas Browne, of Ellsinge, Esq; Elizabeth, married to Sir Stephen Soame, of Haidon-hall, in Essex, Knt. Judith, wedded to Richard Mosely, Esq; Lidia, to Henry Warner, of Mildenhall, in Suffolk, Esq; Parnel, to John Harbonne, of Barham, Esq; Anne, to Edward Barnwell, of Hylamn, Esq; and Anne, to George Gent, of Bumstead, in Essex, Esq; besides others that died young or unmarried. Sir Thomas, died, June, 1638, and was succeeded in dignity and estate, by his eldest son by the first marriage,

Sir William Playters, Bart. who was deputy-lieutenant, vice-admiral of the county of Suffolk, and colonel of a regiment of foot, till turned out by the rebels: he married Frances, daughter and heir of Christopher Le Grys, of Billingford, in Norfolk, Esq; by whom he had only one son, Sir Thomas, his successor; his lady lies buried in the chancel of Dickelburgh church, in Norfolk, (according to her desire) with this inscription over her:

Here under lyeth buried the Body of Dame Frances Playters, the Daughter and Heir of Chr. Le Grys, of Billingford, in Norff. Esq; she married Sir Will. Playters, of Satterley, in Suff. Knt. and Bart. sometimes one of the Deputie Lieutenants and Vice Adm. of the sd. County, and Justice of the Peace & Quorum, & Coll. of a Regiment of Foot, till turn'd out of all by the then Rebellious Parliament. She had by him only Thomas, who married with Rebeccha, Daughter and Coheir of Thomas Chapman, of Woormly, in the County of Hartford, Esq; a great Traveller; high sheriff for the County of Suff. by Commission from his late Majesty of blessed Memory, 1646, and by his Commission, raised a Regiment of Horse, at Oxford. In Cicily, had the command of a Squadron of 6 Ships; dyed at Messina, 1651, Aged about 35 years, leaving no Issue. The said Dame Frances, died at Billingford-hall, 9 Sept. 1659, and by her desire buried in this Church (a).

Sir

(*) Le Neve's mon. Ang. vol. V, p. 42.

Sir Thomas Playters, Bart. only son and heir, was high sheriff of Suffolk, 1646, and made (a) colonel of a regiment of cuirassiers, of five hundred horse, his commission dated at Oxford, 29 July, 19 Car. I. he was also admiral of six English ships (b), the Eagle, Lion, Spahee, Hunter, Fortune, and another, commissioned by Don Juan de Austria, his commission dated at Messina, April 26, 1650. He married (c) Rebecca, daughter and coheir of Thomas Chapman, of Wormley, in Hertfordshire, Esq; (who surviving him, was first remarried to Richard Lucy, Esq; a younger branch of the Lucy's, of Charlecote, in com. Warw. and afterwards, to Sir Rowland Lytton, of Knebworth, in com. Hertford, Knt.) by whom he had no issue, and dying at Messina, in Sicily, 1651, aged thirty-five, was succeeded by his half brother, Sir Lyonel, only surviving son of Sir Thomas, by his second marriage;

Which Sir Lyonel Playters, Bart. when the title and estate came to him, was rector of Ugshall, in Suffolk, and of whom, Mr. Walker, says (d), 'His troubles began with the rebellion; for, in 1642, they brake open his stable-doors, plundered him of two very good horses; and when he had the confidence to demand by what authority they did it, they reply'd, Pistol, the parson; and fired two or more pistols at him. June 20, 1644, articles were exhibited against him before the sequestrators, under the earl of Manchester; the substance of which, as enter'd in the proceedings of those sequestrators, was his observing the rules and orders prescribed by the church, preaching up submission to his majesty, inveighing earnestly against the rebellion, refusing the covenant, keeping company with one, who afterwards, as 'twas reported, went to the cavalier, popish army, and saying, that he had a parcel of hemp to sell, and hoped it would bear a good price; because, if the times continued, a great many would want hanging; and, that rather than fail, he would give it to the king, to hang up the round-heads.

'The sentence of sequestration pass'd upon him, if I mistake not, the same day that those articles were exhibited; on the 24th of July following, it was served upon him, when Mr. Playters, asking the sequestrators, what time they would give him to remove his family, they answer'd him, not an hour's time; and accordingly, himself, his wife, and four children, were turned out of doors. The 30th of the same month, they enter'd on the parsonage-barn, the tythe-hay, and corn therein; as likewise upon the glebe, (part of which was sown with barley, flax, pease, and other grain, with a crop of grass ready to be cut,) and upon all the tythe of the parish not then gathered.

(a) Le Neve, *ibid.*
clergy, p. 334, 335.

(b) *ibid.*

(c) *ibid.*

(d) Walker's sufferings of the

thered in: all which they seized into their own hands, and converted to their own use for two years together, without ever giving any account, or paying Mr. Playters, the fifths, out of it; but instead of that, they took care to levy the taxes of the months of May, and June, upon him, notwithstanding they had seiz'd almost the whole produce of that year, either in his barns, or in the fields. Besides which, the poor gentleman had another misfortune befall him: for having buried several of his children in the chancel, he hid in one of their graves, on prospect, without question, of those troubles which afterwards came upon him, about 200 pieces of gold, which these godly reformers, as they were tearing up the rails, and levelling the chancel, happen'd to discover; and, as zealous as they were against superstition, and idolatry, made no conscience of committing a robbery very near ally'd to sacrilege, carrying away every penny of it. He had likewise a temporal estate of about 200l. a year, which they either put under sequestration, or what was as bad, forbid the tenants to pay the rent: whereupon, some of them quitted their farms: and although by that means the estates lay untenanted for two years together, yet they compelled him to pay the taxes even of those unoccupied estates. About the year 1646, one Henry Younger, succeeded in the living; but it pleas'd God that Mr. Playters, lived to receive it of him again, on the restoration, and enjoy'd his living, as well as the title and estate of his family, for many years after, and constantly preached in his church, till the day of his death. He was a person of a meek and peaceable temper, and of a regular conversation. I had almost omitted to say, that the sequestrators let several of the out-houses belonging to the parsonage, fall quite down to the ground.'

Sir Lyonel, married Elizabeth (a), daughter of John Warner, of Brandon, in Norfolk, Gent. (she died, Sept. 1699,) and had issue, Sir John, his successor; Sir Lyonel, successor to his brother; Elizabeth, married to Thomas Edgar, of Glemham, in Suffolk, Esq; Anne, and Lydia, who died unmarried; and dying 1679, was succeeded by his eldest son,

Sir John Playters, Bart. who had two wives (b); first, Jane, daughter of Thomas Read, of Berdwell, in Suffolk, Esq; by whom he had no issue; secondly, Isabel, daughter and sole heir of Thomas Hall, of London, merchant, by whom he had issue, one son, and a daughter, who both died young; whereupon, he was succeeded by his brother,

Sir Lyonel Playters, Bart. who married Martha, daughter of Talmash Castell, of Raveningham, in Norfolk, Esq; and died

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(a) Le Neve, *ibid.*

(b) *Ibid.*

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Oct. 1699, and left issue, 1. Sir John, his successor ; 2. Richard, who died at sea unmarried ; 3. Lyonel, who married one of the daughters and coheirs of Dr. Gould, a physician, and died Jan. 1722-3, at Sotterley, leaving issue ; 4. Thomas, who died unmarried ; also Carolina, married to John Norris, of Witton, in Norfolk, Gent. and Anne.

Sir John Playters, the present baronet, eldest son and successor to his father, married Elizabeth, daughter of John Felton, of Worlingham, in Suffolk, Esq; brother to Sir John Felton, Bart. by whom he had several children ; but hath now only one son living, and one daughter, Mary, who is unmarried.

John Playters, Esq; only surviving son and heir, hath married Anne-Carolina, second daughter of John Turner, Esq; and granddaughter to the late Sir Charles Turner, of Warham, in Norfolk, Bart. by whom he hath at present no issue.

ARMS: Bendy Wavy of Six, Argent, and Azure.

CREST: On a Wreath, Argent, and Azure, a Faulcon, looking backward, Roufant, Argent, wing'd, Azure, beak'd, legg'd, and bell'd, Or.

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